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TELEGRAMS.

Greece Rejects the Ultimatum of the Sultan of Turkey.

A Grecian War-Vessel Attacked by a Turkish Cruiser.

The Eulogies on Thaddeus Stevens in the House.

GREECE AND TURKEY.

The Sultan's Ultimatum Rejected—A Fight Between Turkish and Greek War Vessels.

VIENNA, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The following unofficial dispatch has been received here:

CONSTANTINOPLE, Wednesday, Dec. 16—10 P. M.

The ultimatum of the Sultan has been rejected by Greece, and the Greek Envoy here has received his passports. All Greeks remaining in Turkey after a fortnight, women excepted, will be regarded as subjects of the Sublime Porte.

A squadron has sailed hence to reinforce the fleet of HOBART PASHA.

An engagement took place between the Greek steamer *Erosis* and a Turkish cruiser. The particulars of the fight are not yet known.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 17.

A telegram from the East states that the Greek steamer *Erosis*, pursued by a Turkish man-of-war, took refuge in the harbor of Syra, where she is now blockaded by HOBART PASHA, the Admiral of the Turkish fleet in the archipelago.

Greeks Arrested in Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday, Dec. 17.

Many suspected Greeks are detained here by the Turkish authorities.

It is stated that the Porte declines to admit to the Bosphorus the iron-clads sent thither to take on board the Greek Ambassador.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Johnson and the Alabama Claims—Comments of the London Press.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The *Times* says Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON'S assurance that the *Alabama* negotiations are closed must be accepted, though with surprise, seeing that he increased his demands after Lord STANLEY had surrendered all that could be abandoned honorably. It regrets that so much has been made public about the negotiations.

The *Telegraph* thinks Mr. JOHNSON would have fared better had he been less zealous for peace.

The *Standard* asks if radical zeal for American interests will continue in the Government now Lord CLARENDON is Foreign Secretary.

Mr. BRIGHT accepted the position in the Cabinet as President of the Board of Trade, and LAYARD has been appointed Commissioner of Public Works.

SPAIN.

Harmony Among the Members of the Provisional Government.

MADRID, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The rumors circulating in regard to difficulties among the members of the Provisional Government are denounced as false and unfounded. The present Cabinet, it is believed, will remain intact until the meeting of the Cortes.

CADIZ, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The city is tranquil, and the recent fugitives are returning to their homes and business.

SOUTH AMERICA.

An Immediate Attack Upon the Position of Gen. Lopez Projected.

LISBON, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The mail steamer from Rio Janeiro arrived to-day.

Nothing of importance had occurred at the seat of war in Paraguay since the departure of the last steamer, but at the latest advices the Marquis of Caxias was on the point of making an immediate attack upon Villetta, the last stronghold of LOPEZ.

Gen McMAHON, the United States Minister, had gone up the Paraguay River with the American gunboats.

CUBA.

Reported Outrages by the Rebels—Destruction of Crops.

HAVANA, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The *Diario*, which is strongly in the Spanish interests, says, within the jurisdiction of Santiago de Cuba this year no crops will be gathered. The insurrectionists carry off the coffee as fast as it ripens, and feed the sugar cane to their horses.

The *Diario* charges that there have been many cases of violation of women by the rebels; but the Cubans indignantly deny the report, and say that as that journal does not publish the names of any of the persons, or the localities in which the acts are said to have been committed, the statements are undoubtedly false.

The steam transports, which were expected here with reinforcements from Spain, arrived yesterday. The Spaniards, since their arrival, feel more confident that the revolution will speedily terminate.

The *Diario* publishes accounts of the misery prevailing in Santiago de Cuba, which, it says, is heartrendering, and whichever party wins, it is certain that the prosperity of the Eastern Department is ruined for years to come.

The account of the capture of Cobre by the revolutionists, as published in the New-York journals, is untrue.

The *Diario* says the volunteers at Santiago de Cuba ask of the Government that arms be given them immediately, so that they may be led against the revolutionists now infesting the country in the vicinity of Santiago. The *Diario* adds that these parties are not revolutionists, but common robbers.

The steamers *Cuba* and *Maryland* arrived here yesterday and sailed to-day.

A fire broke out in Cardenas which destroyed the largest hardware store in the town. The United States Consulate was located in the same building, and all the books and papers of the office were lost.

The tobacco crop in the Vuelta Abajo district is very promising, and planters expect an abundant yield.

Extensive Fires in Cincinnati—Loss $50,000 on One—$30,000 on Another.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Dec. 17.

A fire broke out this morning at 8:30 at No. 25 Vine-street, the corner grocery establishment of E. D. ROGERS & Co., which was entirely destroyed. Nos. 27 and 29, adjoining, were also seriously damaged. The amount of loss is not less than $50,000. Loss on ROGERS & Co.'s stock, $20,000; insurance, $6,000 in the Globe, and $5,000 in the Western and Firemen's Companies, all of Cincinnati. The building was owned by C. W. STARBUCK, of the Cincinnati *Times*. Loss, $8,000; insurance, $3,000 in the Phœnix, of Hartford. MCINTOSH, NOONAN & Co., whisky dealers, also occupied part of No. 25. Their loss is $30,000; insurance, $5,000 in the Continental, of New-York. The building Nos. 27 and 29 was owned by Mrs. SUSAN LEE and others. Damaged to the extent of $9,000; insured for $4,000 in the Hartford, $6,000 in the Fulton, of New-York, and $6,000 in the Home Company. TALMAGE & Co. lose on stock probably $10,000; insured for $7,000 in the Delaware, Philadelphia and the Underwriters', of New-York.

At about 9:30 o'clock a fire broke out at No. 51 Vine-street; loss about $30,000; insurance $4,000. It was occupied by REINHARDT & Co., confectioners. Total loss by the two fires nearly $80,000. It is not yet ascertained how either of these fires originated. A number of girls were working in the fourth story of No. 25, but they were all rescued with some difficulty.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Dec. 17.

In addition to the losses already mentioned by the fire this morning, are A. E. CHAMBERLIN & Co., loss $1,500, insured; and DORN BARK, HOUSE & Co., liquors about $1,500. The block in which the fire occurred was one of the most valuable in the city.

It is reported here that the Erie Railroad Company are trying to purchase the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad. Mr. RIDDLE and Mr. JAY GOULD, of the Erie road, are in the city;

Twenty-nine barrels of whisky *en route* from Butler County, in violation of the Revenue laws, were seized yesterday.

ARKANSAS.

Reported Fight Between Citizens and the Militia—Four of the Latter Killed.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Wednesday, Dec. 16.

The *Ledger* has a report of a fight between citizens and thirty of the militia at Augusta, Ark., yesterday, in which four militia men were killed.

A special dispatch from Little Rock, Ark., to the *Avalanche* to-night says: "A fierce debate occurred in the House on a resolution indorsing the Governor's proclamation declaring martial law in Conway County. It was finally adopted. The Governor's message to the House states that the force of militia in the southwest is 569. Gen. PATTERSON is in command. He thinks the militia can be dispensed with, as arrangements have been made for Federal troops to occupy those counties on the withdrawal of the militia. The Legislature will take a recess from the 19th inst to the 6th of January.

MEMPHIS, Thursday, Dec. 17.

A special dispatch to the *Appeal* from Duval's Bluff, Ark., this afternoon, says: When the steamer *Evening Star* left Augusta late yesterday evening, some firing on pickets occurred, in which one picket was killed and another wounded. The citizens of Jacksonport have gone to stop outsiders from attacking Gen. UPHAM, who has prisoners in Hough Block, with powder underneath, and threatens to blow it up if attacked.

Col. D. CROSS arrived here to-day, having been compelled to leave home in Cross County; the militia threaten to hang him if captured.

The Late Army Reunion at Chicago—Departure of the Prominent Generals.

CHICAGO, Ill., Thursday, Dec. 17.

The grand Army Reunion has disunited, and a large portion of the heroes who represented the four great armies have returned to their homes, to engage in peaceful pursuits with renewed love for their country and their comrades. The city is quiet again. The event has been one of great interest to our guests and pleasure to our citizens, who have felt a pride in meeting them, and extending such civilities as their character and services to the country entitle them.

The Army of Georgia met at the Sherman House this morning, with Gen. SLOCUM in the chair. The Chair announced the Historical Committee, as follows: Gens. H. WHITTLESEY, J. B. MITCHELL, H. A. BARNUM, WILLIAM COGSWELL and A. E. LEE.

Gen. BRULICK offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That at our next reunion all officers and soldiers are requested to appear in full uniform, designating their rank.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Gen. GRANT and staff, Gens. SCHOFIELD, THOMAS MCDOWELL, and other distinguished gentlemen, will leave here this afternoon for Cincinnati. The party will remain in Cincinnati one day and then proceed to Washington.

Meeting of the Farragut Prize Association of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Dec. 17.

A meeting of the Farragut Prize Association was held last evening. A letter from Admiral FARRAGUT was read, stating that he was doing all in his power to forward the claims of his men for prize-money for the capture of New-Orleans. Other letters were read from naval officers who participated in said capture. The meeting adjourned to meet again on the 1st of January.

In the United States District Court, to-day, Judge CADWALLADER, in the case of the United States *vs.* a quantity of sugar, MADEIRA & CABADA claimants, a claim of forfeiture for alleged attempted evasion of the Revenue law, in invoicing over four hundred hogsheads as molasses, when, in truth, they contained sugar, the jury rendered a verdict for the claimants. The amount involved was about $32,000.

The Case of Lieut.-Gov. Gleason—A Writ of Error Refused.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Thursday, Dec. 17.

In the Supreme Court, yesterday, Lieut.-Gov. GLEASON filed a writ of error, and asked the Chief Justice to sign a citation, which was refused.

Lieut.-Gov. GLEASON left for Washington last night on business, supposed to be the getting of his case before the United States Supreme Court, by getting the signature of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to the citation.

The State Supreme Court adjourned to-day until the next regular session, during the coming month.

The Alabama Legislature—Election of Railroad Officers.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Thursday, Dec. 17.

The House has passed a bill applying the two or three per cent. funds of the State to the road from Decatur to Montgomery. It will probably pass the Senate.

The House is discussing the Revenue bill.

There are no signs of an adjournment yet.

To-day the stockholders of the railroad to run from Chattanooga to Meridian elected N. D. STANTON, of Boston, President, and Ex Gov. PATTON Vice-President.

A Railway Freight Agent Robbed of $9,000 on the Highway.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Dec. 17.

A special dispatch to the Omaha *Tribune* says: Last night J. A. WHITEHEAD, a clerk in the Union Pacific Railroad freight office at Omaha, while at Cheyenne, was robbed of $9,000 while on his way from the depot to WELLS, FARGO & Co.'s Express Office. The robbery was perpetrated by three men, who held pistols at WHITEHEAD'S head and walked him out half a mile on the prairie where they tied and gagged him.

The Trial of Mr. Twitchell for the Murder of his Mother-in-Law in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The trial of TWITCHELL, for the murder of Mrs. HILL, commenced this morning. A large crowd was attracted by curiosity, requiring the attendance of Police. The counsel for Mrs. TWITCHELL claimed a separate trial, which was allowed by Judge BREWSTER, and the trial of Mr. TWITCHELL proceeded. Six jurors have been obtained without much difficulty.

A Murderer Respited in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Thursday, Dec. 17.

Gov. WELLS this morning respited PETER PHILLIPS, who was to have been hung, for wife murder, on Friday, until Feb. 18, at which time the *habeas corpus* issued by Judge UNDERWOOD, of the United States District Court, in his case, is returnable. The gallows was being erected, the Sheriff having determined to disregard the *habeas corpus* and hang the prisoner unless respited by the Governor.

Richard H Dana Sues the Cambridge City Fathers.

BOSTON, Thursday, Dec. 17.

An action for tort has been brought by RICHARD H. DANA, Jr., against the MAYOR and ALDERMEN of Cambridge, to recover $5,000 damages for causing his name to be removed or omitted from the polling list, thereby depriving him of his vote in the late election.

The Trouble on the Peruvian Steamship Havana—Thirty Sailors Discharged.

NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday, Dec. 17.

Writs of *habeas corpus*, returnable this morning, were granted by Judge DURELL yesterday, on the petition of about thirty seamen on the steamship *Havana*, lying here, which lately hoisted the Peruvian flag at Southwest Pass. On the writs being returned this morning, the attorney for the petitioners asked that they be dismissed, as the Peruvian Consul had granted a release from their contract to all who wished it. The writs were accordingly dismissed. The ship's articles embody the stipulation that the crew will not object, during the term engaged, to any change of flag which might occur. This, with the fact that two months' advance pay, in gold, had been given them, for which only about twenty days' service have been rendered, were the only objects in holding them.

A quantity of tobacco, numbering about eight hundred boxes, and variously estimated in value from $10,000 to $15,000, was seized yesterday evening in a number of the most respectable tobacco establishments of the city. The cause was alleged revenue frauds. Guards were placed over the tobacco to prevent its removal. The seizure was made at the instance of Mr. CRESCY, the new Assessor.

Banquet to Dr. McCosh, of Princeton College.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Thursday, Dec. 17.

The Alumni of Princeton College gave a banquet this evening to Rev. JAMES MCCOSH, President of the College. A number of distinguished gentlemen were present.

WASHINGTON.

The Eulogies upon Mr. Stevens—Georgia Reconstruction—The New-York Whisky Frauds—The Alaska Purchase Money.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 17.

The House transacted no business whatever to-day. Immediately after the reading of the journal, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. STEVENS' successor, rose and announced his death, and made a very feeling speech on the greatness and virtue of the deceased, though, having a weak voice, he was scarcely audible in the galleries. He offered the customary resolution of respect, which was adopted. Judge POLAND then followed in a brief tribute, closing by offering the resolution of the Legislature of Vermont. Fifteen or more speeches, all very brief, were subsequently made, none of which were more gracious or paid higher encomiums to the late statesman than those of his Democratic opponents, FERNANDO WOOD and Judge WOODWARD. The eulogies in the Senate will be pronounced to-morrow, and the eulogies upon DARWIN A. FINNEY, in the House, will also be pronounced.

THE NEW-YORK WHISKY FRAUDS.

The Joint Retrenchment Committee met to-day to consider the report on the New-York whisky frauds. Their labors were not concluded. They will meet again to-morrow and will probably agree upon the report so as to present it on Monday. Commissioner ROLLINS was examined at some length to-day regarding the manipulations of the Whisky Ring. The Committee will also investigate and report shortly upon the recently discovered Custom-house frauds in New-York. Judge FULLERTON had another interview with the President to-day in reference to the whisky frauds in New-York. The result has not yet been made known any further than that the President wants another document, and that Mr. FULLERTON has gone to New-York for it. He is expected to return in a few days.

THE ALASKA PURCHASE MONEY.

The investigation of the alleged corrupt expenditure of money in connection with the purchase of Alaska, was continued to-day by the House Committee on Public Expenditures. ROBERT J. WALKER and Mr. WARDEN, one of the President's Secretaries, were the only witnesses examined. Mr. WALKER acknowledged that he received $26,000 from Baron STOECKL for his services in the matter, but when questioned as to the distribution of other sums, he denied that he knew anything about it whatever. He had never offered money to any one directly or indirectly, had never heard the Russian Minister make allusion to the subject in any way, and was not aware that any person had received money for services in furthering the negotiations and effecting the passage of the appropriation. He explained his connection with the transaction by stating that as early as 1845, when he was Secretary of the Treasury under POLK, he recommended the purchase of Alaska; that he wrote newspaper articles from time to time in favor of the scheme, one of which, published more than a year ago, attracted the attention of STOECKL, who complimented him and thanked him for his efforts. Mr. WALKER further stated that he always told the Russian Minister that he (STOECKL) overestimated his services, that there could be no doubt about the passage of the appropriation, and that Gen. BANKS was of the same opinion. Mr. WALKER was very frank in his testimony, and considered that his part in the affair as agent and attorney was perfectly legitimate. He was of the opinion that he was well paid for his labor, but Baron STOECKL was well satisfied, and pressed its acceptance on him. Mr. WARDEN'S testimony contained nothing important. He said that he had received no money, and knew nothing of the affair except what appeared in the newspapers. The Committee intend to continue the investigation, and among the witnesses to be examined next is CORNELIUS WENDELL and several gentlemen supposed to belong to the lobby. The investigation so far has failed to elicit anything tangible, but the Committee are determined to probe the matter to the bottom.

GEORGIA RECONSTRUCTION.

The Reconstruction Committee to-day continued its investigations into the case of the State of Georgia. The principal witnesses examined were Capt. MADDEN, formerly of the army, and Mr. HUNGERFORD. They took the Bullock-Blodget view of matters and of what is necessary to be done, which is to commence with Georgia *ab initio*, and put the State under a Provisional Government with seven or eight thousand United States troops under Gov. BULLOCK'S command. Gen. MEADE, who has been here, will probably not be called by the Committee. He left to-night for Philadelphia on leave of absence to visit his family. Gov. BULLOCK to-day received a dispatch announcing the assassination of Sheriff NORRIS, of Warren County, on the night of the 14th inst. He was the only Republican Sheriff left in the State.

THE INDIAN BUREAU.

The Committee on Indian Affairs agreed this morning, almost unanimously, to report in favor of making the Bureau of Indian Affairs a separate department, on the basis of the bill introduced last session by Senator HENDERSON, which is similar to that introduced a few days since by Senator POMEROY. None of the details of the bill have yet been considered. The opponents of the transfer of the Bureau to the War Department look upon this decision of the Committee with disgust, as it looks like a concession which indicates the ultimate success of the House bill.

THE FRANKING LAW.

The House Postal Committee agreed, to-day, to modify the Franking law to prohibit the use of frank stamps, and, except when Congress is in session, to take away the privilege altogether.

THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATES.

The Joint Committee on Printing decided, to-day, to invite proposals for the reporting and publishing of debates in Congress after the 4th of March next, when the existing contract with the *Globe* will expire.

SPEAKER COLFAX.

Speaker COLFAX and wife leave for the North to-morrow night to spend the holiday recess among relatives and friends. On Saturday afternoon the Union League Club of Philadelphia will dine Mr. COLFAX, and he will spend Sunday with a relative at Camden, N. J. The first of next week will be spent with friends in New-York, and Christmas dinner will be eaten with Mr. BOWLES, of the Springfield *Republican*. The following Sunday will be spent with Mr. COLFAX'S relations in Albany, and Gov. CLAFLIN, of Massachusetts, will give the Speaker a reception in Boston before their return, which will be in time for the New-Year's calls.

THE COLORED MEMBER FROM LOUISIANA.

The credentials of J. H. MENARD, the colored Congressman elect from Louisiana, were received here to-day, and will be presented to the House to-morrow by Representative SYPHER. HUNT, who ran against MENARD, is here also, and will demand his seat to-morrow. This will open up the whole question of the legality of the late election in Louisiana, and it will be referred to the Election Committee.

REVENUE COMMISSIONER.

A number of prominent Pennsylvania politicians are here engaged, among other schemes, in advocating the claims and extolling the merits of Mr. CUMMINGS for the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue. No action has been taken by the Committee on the nomination, and there will not be if Mr. ROLLINS concludes not to resign, as is now probable.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The House Committee on Appropriations will sit during the recess, a quorum remaining in the city. The appropriation bills will nearly all be ready on the reassembling of Congress. Some reduction of the estimates of the Departments will be made, but the Committee find the work of retrenchment beset with many serious difficulties.

THE HOLIDAY RECESS.

Both Houses will to-morrow adjourn till Monday, with the understanding that no business will then be transacted. So many members left by to-night's trains that a quorum in the House to-morrow is questionable.

GEN. GRANT.

Gen. GRANT is expected to return to this city from Chicago on Saturday next.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Thursday, Dec. 17.

PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS.

Bonds bearing date from the 16th inst. were issued from the Treasury Department to-day, to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, amounting to $640,000.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The Customs receipts from Dec. 7 to Dec. 12, inclusive, are as follows:

Boston	$206,540
New-York	1,437,000
Philadelphia	66,766
Baltimore	98,831
New-Orleans, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 5	36,673
San Francisco, from Nov. 9 to Nov. 21	316,770
Total	$2,162,580

LOSS OF THE SHIP PATTEN.

The United States Vice-Consul at Bremen reports the loss of the American ship *J. F. Patten*, of Bath, Me., at the mouth of the river Weser. The master reports that Mr. SPECKT, United States Consular Agent at Bremen, acted with great kindness and promptness on the occasion.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The following nominations were made by the President to-day:

Joseph E. Smith for Collector of Customs at Wiscasset, Me.; Daniel R. Stanton for Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Seventeenth District of New-York; Hiram Ketchum for Collector of Customs at Alaska; Moor N. Falls for Collector of Internal Revenue for the Third District of Maryland; Thos. B. Wade, of Montana Territory, to be Agent for the Blackfeet and other neighboring tribes of Indians; George S. Gale, of New-York, to be Pension Agent of the Widows' Agency at New-York City, *vice* Forbes.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 17.

Mr. SHERMAN said he desired to correct an error in the journal, into which the morning papers, as well as the Secretary of the Senate, had fallen, in regard to the report of the Finance Committee on the joint resolution of Mr. EDMUNDS as to the payment of the national debt. The Committee had really reported in favor of laying the resolution on the table.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Mr. CHANDLER introduced a bill to grant lands to aid in the construction of the Wisconsin and Lake Superior Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. SUMNER presented a petition of the members of the Bar of Mississippi that the United States Court may hereafter sit at Vicksburg. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MCCREERY submitted resolutions to amend the Constitution of the United States, designed to protect the rights of minorities and to provide against the contingency of bringing the election of President and Vice-President to the House of Representatives. The resolutions, he said, were drawn up by Mr. S. S. NICHOLS, of Louisville, Ky., who had long been a close student of the Constitution, and they were worthy of the special attention of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which, on his motion, they were referred.

Mr. HARRIS introduced a bill to relieve from political disabilities certain citizens of Louisiana. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SPENCER introduced a bill granting lands to aid in the construction of the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. POMEROY introduced a joint resolution that all men who volunteered to serve as soldiers or cooks for three years or during the rebellion, and were honorably discharged, shall receive the same additional bounty, upon the same terms and conditions as other soldiers, who have received and are receiving bounties under the acts of July 28, 1868, and the acts amendatory thereto, notwithstanding they may have been borne upon the rolls as slaves. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill amending the act imposing taxes on spirits, tobacco, &c., by extending the time for affixing stamps to the 15th of February; which was passed.

Mr. RICE introduced two bills for the removal of political disabilities from certain persons. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REMOVAL OF POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Mr. SAWYER moved to take up the House bill removing political disabilities from certain citizens of South Carolina elected to State offices.

Mr. SAULSBURY said he would gladly vote to relieve all the people of the South from political disabilities, but he could not vote for this bill, because he said it was stated in the newspapers that the persons to be relieved all belonged to one political party, and he was opposed to such partiality in granting relief.

Mr. SAWYER replied that some of the men to be relieved by the bill were not Republicans, but Democrats, who were willing to acknowledge the existing State Government, and who had been elected to office. The bill was then passed by a vote of yeas 44, nays 3.

SYMPATHY FOR SPAIN.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER, the Senate took up the joint resolution of sympathy with the people of Spain "in their efforts to establish a new order of things."

Mr. POMEROY suggested an amendment by substituting for the words above quoted the words, "a republican form of government."

Mr. CONKLING thought a better expression would be, "a popular government," or "more liberal institutions." "A new order of things" might possibly be a worse order of things.

Mr. BAYARD was in favor of the wise and well-established principle of non-intervention in the affairs of foreign nations. What would be thought of a resolution of the Senate recommending the abolition of the Established Church in Ireland?

Mr. THAYER moved the amendment suggested by Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. SUMNER said if his voice could reach those who now control the destiny of Spain he would tell them not to hesitate about establishing a republic; but he had united in reporting the resolution in its present form because he thought, under the circumstances it was more prudent, and certainly more in accordance with the usage of nations, for Congress not to recommend any particular form of government. But it was certainly within the province of Congress to express sympathy with the aspirations of every people for more liberal institutions.

Before a vote could be taken the morning hour expired.

THE PRESIDENT'S FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported by the Finance Committee, disapproving the President's financial recommendations.

Mr. DIXON having the floor said that if it were to be admitted that the Senate had a right to express its disapprobation of the President's recommendations in this way, he thought the Committee was entitled to some credit for having so far modified the original motion. In its present form it was merely an expression of opinion adverse to the President's proposition, and therefore he could vote for it, because he was opposed to that proposition. He wished it to be distinctly understood that he was entirely opposed to repudiation in every and any form, but he was not willing to admit that the President had proposed repudiation, for the reason, among others, he did not propose to make it compulsory upon the public creditors to accept his plans.

Mr. DIXON discussed at length Senator MORTON'S plan for resuming specie payment, and said that he hoped it would not be adopted, because, if it were, it would produce a state of protracted financial agony up to the time when specie payments were to be resumed under it. Indeed, he doubted that specie payment could be resumed merely by legislation at all. Certainly it had never yet been resumed in that way. In England, when in 1819, the bill for the resumption of specie payment passed, the depreciation to be removed was only two and a half per cent.; so that the bill was not the cause or the means of resumption, but rather the official announcement of it. He thought the statement of Mr. MORTON, that the amount of the currency had nothing to do with its depreciation, erroneous.

Mr. MORTON denied that he had made that statement; what he had said was that the existence of the bonded debt had nothing to do with the depreciation of the currency.

Mr. DIXON insisted that Mr. MORTON'S printed speech conveyed that idea. He thought the real cause of the depreciation of the currency was still a mystery. He believed the chief cause to be our national extravagance. If after the war Congress had established and adhered to a rigid system of economy, refusing to increase salaries, and retrenching in every Department of the Government, the currency would now, in his judgment, be at par; and his plan for resuming specie payment at the earliest possible moment would be, first to institute such a system of economy, stopping every unnecessary outlay, stopping, if necessary, the Pacific Railroad, and certainly the purchase of real estate by the Government; and second, to remove all political disabilities from the people of the South, as proposed by his colleague, Mr. FERRY. The only fault he had to find with that proposition was that it was made a year too late to do much good; but it would, at least, go to the people of Connecticut and serve as his (DIXON'S) vindication, because it was supported by the same reasons upon which his action a year ago was based. The proposition of Mr. STEWART to punish holding office in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, he regarded as a shocking proposition—making the holding by an American citizen of an office conferred upon him by his fellow-citizens a crime.

Mr. FERRY repeated what he had said in the speech commented on by his colleague—that the present state of things was entirely different from that which existed at the South two years ago, or one year ago, the Southern oligarchy being now convinced of the uselessness of further resistance to the national will, or, if not so convinced, powerless to lead the people further in that direction.

Mr. DIXON remarked that although he doubted the possibility of resuming specie payments by legislation, yet he did not wish to be understood as saying he would not vote for a bill for that purpose. He moved to amend the resolution before the Senate, by inserting a statement that Congress agree with the President in the sentiment expressed in his Message that our national credit shall be sacredly observed. He proposed this amendment, he said, to show by this resolution that all departments of the Government agreed that the faith of the nation must be preserved.

Mr HOWARD objected to the amendment because, in his judgment, it was not in harmony with the plain object of the President's recommendations on this subject, of which the object was repudiation.

Mr. DIXON argued that the Message could not be fairly construed to mean repudiation, because it proposed nothing compulsory upon the creditors.

Mr. HOWARD thought it must necessarily mean the recommendation of legislation which would be compulsory.

Mr. CORBETT concurred in this view, and thought the preservation of the credit and faith of the nation the most important object for which Congress could legislate or the people work.

Mr. HOWE moved to amend the resolution so as to state that Congress agreed with the sentiments which ought to have been, but were not, expressed in the President's Message, that the national faith should be sacredly observed.

Mr. SAULSBURY ironically suggested that the President be impeached for having expressed his views in regard to the national debt.

Mr. WHYTE wished to say a few words about the resolution so that his vote upon it should not be misconstrued. He looked upon this as a resolution of censure upon the President for an expression of his opinion, and he could not vote for it because he held the right of opinion to be sacred. He did not understand the President to have proposed repudiation, by no means the complete wiping out of the national debt, principal and interest. He was himself opposed to repudiation in any form, but he was no more willing to join in a clamor against the President on account of the plan proposed by him, than he would be willing to join in an outcry against any Senator who might propose to pay the debt by calling it in, and making a reissue at a lower rate of interest.

Mr. VICKERS also denied that the President had proposed repudiation, and expressed the opinion that the Government could not get specie enough in the world to pay the debt. He read from Treasurer SPINNER'S report to show that he had charged repudiation upon Congress; but he (Mr. VICKERS) did not believe that the legislation referred to to justify this claim, did justify it; and he regarded the making of the charge merely as an illustration of the difference of opinion in the community as to the meaning of the word "repudiation." He moved an amendment to the resolution, embodying long extracts from the President's Message, and expressing the agreement of Congress with the views thereon expressed.

The amendments were lost.

The resolution, as reported from the Committee, was then adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Cameron, Cattell, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Cragin, Dixon, Edmunds, Ferry, Fessenden, Frelinghuysen, Grimes, Harlan, Henderson, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, Morgan, Morrill of Vermont, Nye, Patterson of New-Hampshire, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Van Winkle, Wade, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson, Yates—41.

NAYS—Messrs. Davis, Mercer, Patterson of Tennessee, Saulsbury, Vickers, Whyte—6.

EXTRADITION TREATIES.

Mr. TRUMBULL introduced a bill to provide for giving effect to treaty stipulations between this and foreign Governments for the extradition of criminals; which was referred.

It provides that whenever a person shall have been delivered by any foreign Government to an agent of the United States, for the purpose of being brought within the United States and tried for a crime of which he is accused, the President of the United States shall have power to take all necessary measures for the transportation and safe keeping of such accused person and his protection against lawlessness and violence.

OUR CONSULS IN JAPAN.

Mr. CONKLING offered a resolution requesting the President to communicate any information in his possession, concerning the exercise by United States Consuls, in Japan, of judicial powers in cases arising between American citizens and citizens of foreign countries, other than Japan, and state under what authority such powers have been exercised; and, also, what further legislation is necessary for the better protection of the rights of Americans in Japan.

The resolution was adopted.

At 4:40 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, the death of Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, was announced by his successor, Mr. DICKEY, a large audience being in the galleries.

REMARKS OF JUDGE KELLEY.

Mr. SPEAKER: THADDEUS STEVENS was one of the most practical of men, though his whole life was colored and influenced by a vision. Timid men, and those who were without faith, called him dogmatic and impracticable, and others spoke of him as a theorist, who, to gratify a malignant or vindictive spirit, urged extreme measures regardless of the rights, interests, or sentiments of those they were to affect. They knew but little of the man they judged. How thoroughly practical he was is assessed by the fact that he earned by teaching the rudimentary branches the means to procure his collegiate training; that having settled in a community in which hereditary wealth was deemed a prerequisite to a respectable position at the bar, he made no concealment of his poverty, and taught school while preparing for the practice of the legal profession and the acknowledged leadership of the bar of a large section of his adopted State; that he commanded the confidence of every Judge before whom he appeared in his extended range of practice, and secured the affectionate regard of all his young professional brethren; by the frequency with which the people among whom he settled, whether of the York, the Adams, or the Lancaster district required him, at whatever sacrifice of prejudice on their part or of pecuniary interest on his, to represent them in the Legislatures of the State and nation, and conventions summoned for the consideration of the gravest topics; and, above all, by the commanding influence he exercised in every deliberative assembly of which he was a member. I heard a prominent member of the Thirty-eighth Congress say of Mr. STEVENS: "Let him go in what direction he may, it is always to the extreme," implying waywardness and inconsistency, and, in so far, misjudging him. He never labored in adverse directions. He sometimes accepted and supported propositions which were in general accord with his views, but to which he could not yield unqualified assent. He did this, as he once said, "because Congress is composed of men, and not of angels." He was incapable of acting inconsistently upon measures involving general principles. Against his reproach he was almost divinely panoplied. He had in his boyhood dreamed of a republic broader, grander, and more beneficent than the republic of PLATO or the Utopia of Sir THOMAS MOORE. When he dedicated himself to his work, in which he never faltered, the southern boundary of our country was near the thirty-first degree of latitude, and the course of the Mississippi defined its western limits; but he believed the inspiring truths expressed in the Declaration of Independence, and embodied in our State and Federal Constitutions would regenerate all the Governments on the continent. At the time of his birth the mouth of the Mississippi and the shores of the Gulf of Mexico were under the dominion of foreign potentates. He was, however, old enough to understand and remember the discussion that attended our first acquisition of territory—the Louisiana purchase—which extended from the Gulf along the west bank of the Mississippi to the Lake of the Woods; and though sometimes disapproving of the means by which they were gained, he welcomed each of the several acquisitions of territory by which our country has come to stretch from ocean to ocean, to have a longer and more valuable coast line on the Pacific than any other nation, and to encircle the Gulf from Cape Sable to the Rio Grande. Every successive acquision confirmed his faith, and nerved his purpose. The theory of Mr. STEVENS' ideal republic awarded home and culture to each industrious citizen. With this generous theory slavery was incompatible, and he was, consequently, the sworn and unrelenting foe of that accursed institution. He did not wage war upon slavery because he envied the wealth and power of the master. He was wont to thank God for having blessed his youth with poverty, and was ever ready to confront the haughty master because his great heart sympathized with the outraged and helpless slave. The severance of the Union would have dispelled Mr. STEVENS' faith in the ultimate redemption of the laboring people of the world from the ignorance and ill-paid toil to which they have ever been subjected. The breaking out of the slaveholders' rebellion seemed to rejuvenate him and inspire him with superhuman strength. He was always in his seat; and when sessions were so far protracted, as they sometimes were during the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Congresses, that daylight came and dimmed the artificial light in this Hall, the old man's pungent witticisms would rouse many of the younger members from drowsiness and prostration. To maintain the Union he would have exhausted the country's resources in men and materials of war; and when the rebellion had been crushed, he proposed measures that, had they been adopted, would have eradicated its cause and rendered its recurrence impossible. He did not propose confiscation as a punishment to those whose great crime merited it. He was incapable of a vindictive act. He regarded the system of land monopoly, which had prevailed in the South, as the essential support of slavery, and he would obliterate it. He knew that the rebel leaders were conquered but not subdued, and appreciating the power they derived from the ownership of the land on which the body of the people were to labor and live, he would deprive them of that power. He knew that the labor of the slave had given the land of the South its value, and he would reward the freedmen by giving him a homestead as a slight return for the unrequited work he had done while a slave. He knew that the loyal soldier had saved the South to the Union and freedom, and he would invite him to dwell under its own vine in its midst, and by his counsels assist in its future government. He knew that a landed aristocracy and a landless class are alike dangerous in a republic, and by a single act of justice he would abolish both. Such were the humane considerations which prompted him to propose and support measures which the weak and time-serving denounced as harsh and vindictive. The system of labor for wages, as it is exemplified in Great Britain and on the Continent, is as inconsistent with his ideal republic as slavery. Contemplating the ever-increasing volume of pauperism in the British Islands, the unnatural and excessive toil demanded from women in the coal mines of England and Belgium, and from the tender children of agricultural laborers in the fen-gangs of England, his emotions might have been expressed in the indignant exclamation of the Abbé de la Mennais: "But for labor at wages there is no name out of hell." Mr. STEVENS always believed that fidelity to Republican principles required Government to protect those whose toil is a source of all prosperity against the wrongs and woes endured by the laboring people of countries in which social distinctions are recognized by law, and ancient evils are regarded as vested rights; and with what steadiness and power he endeavored to protect the wages of the American workman, by the imposition of adequate duties on the productions of the underpaid laborers of Europe, every gentleman on the floor knows. But he was no foe

MAGAZINES.

—*Putnam's* for January is one of the most entertaining numbers ever published, even of this excellent magazine. Mr. KIMBALL, whose hand and brain have not forgot their cunning since *Knickerbocker* days, starts off brilliantly with his new romance, "To-Day," which promises to be of great interest. Mr. COLGATE, who appears from his brief article on Kissingen in another magazine and his "Steam Travel in Cities" in this, to be one of the few of our young countrymen who are bent on using what they see in foreign countries for the benefit of our own, tells us what has been done in London and Paris, and what may be done with steam travel in New-York. He discusses a variety of plans, of which the most prominent is to have all the railways entering from the north and east "unite at the upper end of the island, and be brought down on a grand viaduct, so constructed as to carry trains at full speed, with stations at Madison-square, City Hall and the Battery"—the viaduct to be in or near the Fourth-avenue, Bowery and Pearl-street. Mr. KENNAN'S "Tent-Life with the Koraks," a wandering Asiatic tribe, is interesting, as such sketches always are. Lovers of COOPER will be glad to find in "The Battle of Plattsburg Bay" a hitherto unpublished lecture of the great novelist. "Treasure," by W. J. PAULDING, is the interesting and carefully written Christmas story; and Howard Glyndon contributes a very beautiful Christmas Poem—"Christmas-Eve Chant of Breton Peasants." "The Story-Teller of Copenhagen" is a sketch, of course, of HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN. Mr. W. C. BRYANT, who prolifically contributes in no less than three of the American January magazines, gives "Among the Trees" to *Putnam's*—the longest of the three. LUCY H. HOOPER has a readable sketch, "Three Pictures and One Portrait." Prof. TYLER has an entertaining article on "Popular Lectures in England." Mr. L. W. BACON contributes a very excellent protest, under the title of "The Literature of the Coming Controversy" against the trash published as "Awful Disclosures of Popish Iniquities," with a representation of the need of sound information upon the "coming controversy," i. e., between the Protestant and Catholic Churches in America. Mr. FOXTON'S lines, "Fainting at Noontide," are quaint and Arabic in their simplicity and religious fervor. The departments of foreign literature, book-notices, and table-talk are very interesting. The fine arts handles the present exhibition of the Academy of Design without gloves, but suggests methods of avoiding some mistakes in future. One of these is to give up a room in the Winter exhibition solely to the Summer sketches of the artists—their studies from nature during the preceding season.

—The *Galaxy* starts the New Year with sixteen extra pages, containing the first installment of the long-promised and welcome "Susan Fielding,"—a new novel by Mrs. EDWARDS, the accomplished author of "Archie Lovell" and "Steven Lawrence." "Susan Fielding" bids fair to rank even higher, as a work of art, than any previous work of Mrs. EDWARDS'. Meanwhile, Mrs. AUSTIN'S "Cipher," a thoroughly good story, is drawing to a close. It will make way for the great magazine prize of the year, which the enterprise of the *Galaxy* has secured,—the new novel of CHARLES READE, to be begun in the March number; and this last is, upon the whole, the most noteworthy of all the annual announcements in the prospectuses of the various magazines. Mr. MCCARTHY contributes a very readable article on "The Liberal Triumvirate of England," (of course, GLADSTONE, BRIGHT and MILL,) and gives thorough freshness to a familiar subject. Mr. STEDMAN'S excellent "Belt of Asteroids" (i. e., poets famous for single poems,) is one of the best of his recent prose contributions to magazine literature. Mrs. CALHOUN elaborately discusses EDWIN BOOTH'S acting, by way of accompaniment to HENNESSY'S full-page drawing, "Booth as Hamlet." The other full-page illustration, by the way, is ETTINGE'S "King Charles and the Marquise." The five poems, by BRYANT, PARSON, STODDARD, E. D. PROCTOR, and the author of *Emily Chester*, (the latter on EDWIN BOOTH,) give diversity to the magazine. Mayor OAKEY HALL makes a revelation of Dis'rict-Attorney experience in "Our Crime-land Excursion;" Mr. WHITE discusses "English Grammar," and promises a new series of articles on "Americanisms." EUGENE BENSON begins a series of sketches of "New-York Journalists" by one on Mr. HURLBUT, of the *World*. Mr. J. E. COOKE, Mr. DODGE and Mr. THEO. JOHNSON all have interesting short articles in the "Miscellany," where also a lady defends her sex, under the question: "Are We Inferior?" The "Fine Arts" critic makes a strong appeal in this number for a "permanent art gallery in New-York," and his words will probably be taken up and echoed; referring to this year's exhibition of the Academy he tersely pronounces it "an almost unbroken array of what it were high praise to term mediocre pictures." PHILIP QUILIBET, in his "Driftwood," talks pleasantly of "Magazine Novels" and of "Christmas."

—The *Atlantic* for January is an unusually fine number. Mr. HIGGINSON opens it with a few pages of "Malbone: An Oldport Romance." That the story is well written is, of course, understood from the very name of its author, one of the best of our magazinists. His new serial is interesting from the start, and hints at "strange" and "intense" things to come. Yet, so often have we been disappointed in the novel-writing of admirable essayists, that we now cautiously suspend judgment and prediction. BAYARD TAYLOR'S poem, "Sunshine of the Gods," ripples rhythmically, and with a metre as true as that of some fine old Latin ode. The "Good-Natured Pendulum" is a magically nice tale of a schoolboy frolic, with a flavor of DICKENS about it, but a stronger flavor of that excellent story-teller, Mr. E. E. HALE. Mr. LOWELL, besides a quaint poem on "The Flying Dutchman," furnishes a masterly essay "On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners," which very refreshingly turns the tables on cockney condescension, and is prefaced with a touching bit of pathos, reminiscent of the war. The "Autocrat" is back in his old self, (not in the disguised shape, prompting misgivings, which he wore in the *Guardian Angel*,) and discourses most charmingly and irresistibly upon his schoolboy days at Cambridgeport, at Andover, and at Harvard. "The Mean Yankees at Home" is the repulsive title of an entertaining article upon New-England and its people, by Mr. PARTON. Dr. H. D. BOWDITCH gives the first part of a valuable series of papers (it is a public benefaction for a magazine to publish such) on "Consumption in America; and hardly less valuable, in a different direction, is the third of the papers on "Coöperative Housekeeping." Mr. HOWELLS' "Gnadenhütten" is a vivid historic sketch of a village of Moravian Indians, murdered on the Muskingum, beyond the Ohio, in Revolutionary days. BRYANT has some lines called "Dante," and WHITTIER one of his thrilling trumpet-notes "After Election." Mr. WHIPPLE gives a brief political article on the election, BAYARD TAYLOR another of his chapters of German travel, and Mr. BENSON something on a "Literary Gourmand," i. e., BRILLAT-SAVARIN. Surely we are justified in pronouncing this an extraordinarily good number, even for the *Atlantic*.

— *The New Eclectic Magazine*. Vol. IV., No. 1: 1869. (Baltimore: TURNBULL & MURDOCH.) With its January number the *Eclectic* leaves its familiar cover of green and assumes one more in the style of the day, a cream-colored paper bearing a fanciful design, with a medallion centre-picture of allegorical figures, representing the winnowing of grain and gleaning of wheat-ears from the field. It is striking and in good taste, besides being prettily appropriate to the title and design of the magazine. The usual variety of interesting contents are to be found within, embracing judicious selections from the daily, weekly and monthly periodical literature of America and Europe, from the running-pen style of the newspaper to the more carefully considered articles of reviews and foreign magazines. Fiction, poetry, biography, literary criticism, art, science, wit and humor, all find a place in the present number, and the judgment shown in the selection promises a full return to those who make the *Eclectic* a regular monthly visitor.

DRAMATIC COPYRIGHT.

The Case of "Under the Gaslight" vs. "After Dark"—Important Decision by Judge Blatchford.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

Augustin Daly vs. Henry D. Palmer and Henry C. Jarrett.—BLATCHFORD, J.—This is an application for a provisional injunction to restrain the defendants from the public performance and representation, and from the sale for dramatic representation of a scene called the "railroad scene" in a play called "After Dark." The plaintiff is by profession a dramatic author, his business being to compose, write and produce on the theatrical stage dramatic compositions, commonly called plays. The defendants are the managers of a public place of theatrical amusement, in the City of New-York, called Niblo's Garden. Before the 1st of August, 1867, the plaintiff composed and wrote a dramatic composition called "Under the Gaslight," and on that day he took the proper steps to secure to himself a copyright for the composition, under the provisions of the act of Feb. 3, 1831, (4 U. S. Stat. at Large, 436,) by depositing before publication a printed copy of the title of the composition, as author and proprietor, in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the Southern District of New-York, where he resided at the time. The composition was afterward printed and published, and within three months from its publication he caused a copy of it, as printed and published, to be delivered to said Clerk. He also gave information of copyright being secured by causing to be printed and inserted in the several copies published the words prescribed by the fifth section of the act.

The act of 1831 confers upon the author and proprietor of a dramatic composition, duly copyrighted, the sole right and liberty of printing, reprinting, publishing and vending such composition, in whole or in part, for the term of twenty-eight years from the time of recording the title of such composition, in the manner directed by the act. The act of Aug. 18, 1856, (11 U. S. Stat. at Large, 138,) provides that any copyright thereafter granted under the laws of the United States "to the author or proprietor of any dramatic composition, designed or suited for public representation, shall be deemed and taken to confer upon the said author or proprietor, his heirs and assigns, along with the sole right to print and publish the said composition, the sole right also to act, perform or represent the same, or cause it to be acted, performed or represented, on any stage or public place during the whole period for which the copyright is obtained." The bill alleges that the plaintiff's play was designed and suited for public representation; that it was represented for the first time on the 12th of August, 1867, under his direction, and for his benefit, at the New-York Theatre, a public place of theatrical amusement in New-York, and was thenceforward represented there for eight consecutive weeks; that it met with great success, attracted crowds of persons, and was peculiarly profitable to the plaintiff to a large amount; that the particular cause of such success was what was commonly called, after such public performance, the "railroad scene" at the end of the third scene of the fourth act, in which one of the characters is represented as secured by another, and laid helpless upon the rails of a railroad track in such manner, and with the presumed intent, that the railroad train, momentarily expected, shall run him down and kill him, and just at the moment when such a fate seems inevitable another of the characters contrives to reach the intended victim, and to drag him from the track as the train rushes in and passes over the spot; that this incident and scene was entirely novel and unlike any dramatic incident known to have been heretofore represented on any stage, or invented by any author, before the plaintiff so composed, produced and represented the same; that the playing of said composition and scene caused the same to become famous in all parts of the United States and Canada and in England; that the chief value of the composition and its popularity depend upon said "railroad scene;" that it was repeatedly produced and represented by and for the advantage of the plaintiff in many cities and towns of the United States and Canada, to the profit of the plaintiff; that before learning of the alleged wrongs mentioned in the bill attempted by the defendants, the plaintiff had made arrangements for representing the play dramatically at New-York and in various places in the United States during the present Winter and the approaching Spring; that he accordingly commenced to represent the play at the New-York Theatre, in the City of New-York, on the 4th of November, 1868; that soon after the production, representation and printing of the play in the United States, one Dion Boucicault, a dramatic author and actor and theatrical manager, a subject of Great Britain, residing in England, procured a copy of said play by some means, and, without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiff, prepared therefrom a play, piece or version called "After Dark," in which play he introduced several of the scenes and incidents of the plaintiff's play, varying them slightly, but following in them the invention and plan of the plaintiff's play, in a manner which was intended to differ from it only slightly, so as colorably to be a different work, while substantially retaining the attractive features of the plaintiff's play, and which contained, with only colorable variation, the said "railroad scene" of the plaintiff's play, substituting for the surface railroad an underground railroad, for the rescuer of the victim to be killed on the railroad a man for a woman, for the railroad station in which the rescuer was confined a cellar, and for the breaking down a door to escape and rescue the victim the breaking down a wall or the door in a wall; that the work of Boucicault is a palpable imitation of the plaintiff's said "railroad scene," and is plagiarized therefrom and put into the play called "After Dark," by Boucicault, for the purpose of obtaining the pecuniary benefit which might otherwise result to the plaintiff from the representation of his play; that the play of "After Dark" was performed in England without the plaintiff's consent, to the great profit of Boucicault, and was indebted for its success and profit to such imitation of said "railroad scene;" that Boucicault has sent copies of his play containing such plagiarism of said "railroad scene" to the defendants in the United States, for sale and performance for his own profit, and several copies of it are in the defendants' possession; that the defendants are intending, and have announced their purpose, to perform such play called "After Dark" publicly on the stage, at Niblo's Garden, in New-York, on the 16th of November, 1868, and every night thereafter till further notice, without the consent of the plaintiff; that such play and the plagiarism of said "railroad scene" are being prepared in Niblo's Garden, under the direction of the defendants, with a view to such public performance thereof, and that the defendant Palmer, acting for Boucicault, is about to sell copies of the play called "After Dark," with said plagiarized scene, to other persons in the United States, to be publicly represented. The bill prays for an injunction to restrain the defendants from the public representation, and from drawing the said plagiarized scene of the said "railroad scene" in "After Dark." The defence to the application on the facts is confined to showing by affidavits that the following matters were known prior to the taking out by the plaintiff of his copyright, namely, the representation on a stage of a train of cars drawn by a locomotive engine on a long level track, the locomotive, wherein the train appeared to run over a man lying on the track; and a like representation, wherein the train appeared to run over a man lying on the track, who had been thrown thereon in a helpless condition by another of the characters, in order that he might be run over and killed. A story called "Capt. Tom's Fright," in the *Galaxy* for March 15, 1867, is also referred to as affecting the validity of the plaintiff's copyright. There is no answer to the bill, nor is there any denial of the allegations that Boucicault procured a copy of the plaintiff's play and prepared therefrom the "railroad scene" in the play of "After Dark," and intended that the latter should only be colorably different from the "railroad scene" in the plaintiff's play, by making the substitutions before mentioned, and that the "railroad scene" in the play of "After Dark" was plagiarized by Boucicault from the "railroad scene" in the plaintiff's play. In the plaintiff's play there is a surface railroad, with a railroad station and a signal station shed or store-room. A signal-man appears, and a woman named Laura, the daughter of Laura, the signal-man locks her in the shed. There are some axes in it. One Snorkey then appears. The signal-man then goes off. One Byke then enters with a coil of rope in his hand, and throws it over Snorkey, and tightens it around his arm, and coils it around his legs, and then lays him across the track and fastens him to the rails, and goes off, having by language given it to be understood that the intention is that Snorkey shall be run over by the train and killed. Laura, from a window in the shed, sees what is done. The steam whistle of the train is heard. She takes an ax and strikes the door. The whistle is heard again, with the rumble of the approaching train. She gives more blows on the door with the ax; it opens. She runs and unfastens Snorkey; the lights of the engine appear, and she moves Snorkey's head from the track as the train rushes past. This incident occupies the whole of the third scene of the fourth act. There is a good deal of conversation first between the signal-man and Laura, and then between Snorkey and the signal-man, and then between Byke and Snorkey, and then between Laura and Snorkey. There are stage directions for Laura to go into the shed; for the signal-man to look her in; for Snorkey to enter; for the signal-man to go off; for Byke to enter with the coil of rope; for Byke to throw the coil over Snorkey, and tighten the rope around Snorkey's arm, and coil it around his legs; for Byke to lay Snorkey across the track, and fasten him to the rails; for Byke to go off; for the steam whistle to be heard; for blows at the door to be heard; for the steam whistle to be heard again, with the rumble of the train; for more blows on the door to be heard; for the door to open; for Laura to appear with the ax in her hand; for her to run and unfasten Snorkey; for the lights of the engine to be seen; for Laura to take Snorkey's head from the track, and for the train to rush past. These stage directions are separate and apart from the conversation; and are in italics, and in parentheses, at the appropriate places in the progress of the scene. The substance and purpose of the consecutive conversation is to make it appear that Laura is to signal-man to look him in the shed and be consenting; that Snorkey requests the signal-man to stop by signal the approaching train and be refused; that Byke gives Snorkey to understand that he is to be run over and killed by the train, and that Snorkey requests Laura to break down the door and release him. The idea is also conveyed by the language in the scene that Byke is about to commit robbery and murder at St Laura's house, and that Snorkey is trying to give information of the fact. In the play of "After Dark" the "railroad scene" is in the third act. In the first scene of that act one Gordon Chumley is rendered insensible by drugs, and one Old Tom is thrown by force into a wine vault. In the second scene of that act Old Tom is represented as in the vault. There is an orifice in the vault which opens upon the track of an underground railroad. The rumbling of cars is heard, and lights flash through the orifice. Old Tom, through a door into an adjoining vault, sees two of the characters carry Chumley and break a hole through a wall and pass the body of Chumley through the hole, as he supposes, for concealment in a well or vault. Old Tom then finds an iron bar and resolves to attempt escape by enlarging the orifice in the wall opening on the railroad. Then follows scene third. The railroad is seen, with a circular orifice which ventilates the cellar in which Old Tom is. The body of Chumley is seen lying across the rails, and the arm of Old Tom and then his head is passed through the orifice. For this much of the scene there are only stage directions without spoken words. The following is a *verbatim* copy of the rest of the scene, the parts in parenthesis being stage directions: "Old Tom—About four courses of bricks will leave me room to pass. What is that on the line? There is something surely there. (A distant telegraph alarm rings, the semaphore levers play, and the lamps revolve.) Great Heaven! 'tis Gordon. I see his pale, upturned face—he lives! Gordon! Gordon! I'm here! He does not answer me. (A whistle is heard and distant train passes.) Ah! murderers. I see their plan. They have dragged his insensible body to that place and left him there to be killed by a passing train. Demons! Wretches! (He works madly at the orifice. The bricks fall under his blows. The orifice increases. He tries to struggle through it.) No, not yet. Not yet. (The alarm rings again. The levers in the front play. The red light burns and a white light is turned to L. H. Tunnel. The wheels of an approaching train are heard.) Oh, Heaven! give me strength—down—down. One moment! (A large piece of wall falls in and Old Tom comes with it.) See, it comes, the monster comes. (A loud rumbling and crashing sound is heard. He makes more fearful efforts, and seeing the locomotive close on him, he flings himself on the body and clasping it in his arms, rolls over with it forward. A locomotive, followed by a train of carriages rushes over the place, and as it disappears, Old Tom frees himself from Chumley and gazes after the train.) The play of "After Dark" has never been published by Boucicault, although printed by him for private use. The first inquiry is, what is meant by the act of 1856 by a "dramatic composition," what is meant by the "public representation" of a dramatic composition, and what is meant by the right to "act, perform or represent" a dramatic composition, on a "stage or public place." The act of 1856 confers on the author or proprietor of a copyrighted dramatic composition, designed or suited for public representation, "the sole right of acting, performing or representing the same on a stage or public place, in addition to the sole right to print and publish such composition. The latter right must be considered as being conferred by the act of 1831, for although that act only speaks of a copyright for a "book or books, map, chart, musical composition, print, or engraving," yet, under the language of the act of 1856, "dramatic composition, designed or suited for public representation," must be regarded as embraced within the act of 1831. A composition, in the sense in which that word is used in the act of 1856, is a written or literary work invented and set in order. A dramatic composition is a work in which the narrative is not related, but is represented by dialogue and action. 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THE WATSON & CHANEY CASE—FOURTH DAY OF THE SECOND SUIT.

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UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

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OBSTRUCTING THE WAY OF THE LAW.

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REVENUE FRAUDS.

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SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 17.

Before Judge Barnard.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD AND THE CREDIT MOBILIER—MOTION TO TRANSFER TO THE FEDERAL COURT.

James Fisk, Jr., vs. *The Union Pacific Railroad Company, the Credit Mobilier of America, et al.*—The plaintiff bases his claims to be a stockholder in the Union Pacific Railroad Company. In July last he commenced an action against this Company and the "Credit Mobilier," in which he alleged that the latter was a corporation created by virtue of the laws of Pennsylvania; that the corporators of the Mobilier are mainly directors in the Union Pacific Railroad Company; that it (the Mobilier) is a kind of close corporation; that the Railroad Company had contracted with the other for the construction of a large portion of its road at certain rates per mile; that such rates were excessive and would result in large profits to the stockholders and to others interested in the Mobilier; that the Railroad Company was not authorized to make such contracts; but, on the contrary, if the Company were to perform the work, the large profits to be derived, as to which under the arrangement go to the Credit Mobilier, would accrue to the Railroad Company and greatly benefit the stockholders. It was furthermore charged that the organization of the Credit Mobilier was collusive, and the agreement made between the two corporations fraudulent and made for their benefit.

To-day the case came before the Court on a motion made by the defendants, the Union Pacific Railroad Company, to have the cause removed to the Federal Courts, in pursuance of an act of Congress, passed in July last. This act, among other things, provides as follows: Section 2. "And be it further enacted that any corporation of any member thereof, other than a banking corporation, organized under the law of the United States, and against which a suit at law or in equity has been or may be commenced in any Court, other than a Circuit or District Court of the United States, for any liability or alleged liability of such corporation, or any member thereof, as such member, may have such suit removed from the Court in which it may be pending, to the proper Circuit or District Court of the United States, upon filing a petition therefor, verified by oath, either before or after issue joined, stating they have a defence arising under or by virtue of the Constitution of the United States," &c.

There can be little doubt that this act was passed by Congress in view of this particular case; such, at least, was insisted upon by counsel.

The motion was opposed mainly on the ground that the cause of action implicated both Companies; that they could not be separated as parties defendant; and inasmuch as one of the defendants was not entitled to a removal to the United States Courts, the other could not have the motion granted. The Court reserved its decision.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.—DEC. 17.

Before Judge Sutherland and a Jury.

THE LIABILITY OF BANKS AS TO INDORSED CHECKS.

The Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company vs. *The National Bank of North America.*—This case involves an interesting question of law, and is of importance to bankers and all other men of business in this City and elsewhere. The question is substantially this: Can a bank which pays a check given for value and drawn to order on an unauthorized indorsement be made liable to the payee for the payment of the amount a second time? The facts of the case briefly stated are these. One Arthur Bois insured his life in the plaintiff's Company, of which one S. S. Norton was a regularly authorized agent for the purpose of soliciting insurances and receiving payments of premiums. It is not pretended, however, that Norton had any authority to sign or indorse checks for the Insurance Company. Mr. Bois, for the purpose of paying his premium, gave a check for the amount on his bank—the defendants in this action—to Mr. Norton, the agent. The check was made payable to the order of the plaintiffs, but the same did not come into their hands, for the reason that Norton indorsed it, presented it to the defendants, and drew the money. The plaintiffs not having received the money, and upon inquiry learning that Bois had given his check for the amount, they commenced this suit against the bank to recover it. They contended on the trial that the same law applied as though the bank had paid out the money on a forged check. Having done so, it was their own loss, as it would be in such a case their own fault in not detecting the fraud. Here was the case of an agent, who was not authorized to draw, or indorse checks for the plaintiffs. It was the defendants' own fault if they paid the money under such circumstances.

On the part of the defence a motion was made to dismiss the complaint, on the ground that in law a check drawn on a bank is simply a request by the drawer to the bank to pay to the payee a certain sum; that the bank does not become liable on a check or draft until it is accepted; that in the case of an ordinary check the acceptance is the certification. In this case the check was not certified, but having received the indorsement of Norton, as agent for the plaintiffs, it was paid.

Judge SUTHERLAND stated that he had some doubts as to the law of the case, but after consultation with some of his brethren of the Bench he decided to dismiss the complaint and leave the plaintiffs to their remedy by appeal.

Several decisions were cited *pro* and *con.*, some of them quite recent. The Judge said he was surprised to find, upon examination, that the law on the point in dispute is so unsettled in this State. The case will be taken to the General Term in the first instance.

For plaintiffs, Messrs. Lowery and Fransiola; for the defendants, Messrs. E. W. Dodge and J. R. Flanagan.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—BROOKLYN.

Before Judges Lott, Barnard, Gilbert and Tappan.

JURISDICTION IN A SURROGATE'S CASE.

Isabella Hall vs. *Bartholomew B. Chappell, one of the Executors of Joseph H. Hall, deceased.*—This is a case in which the District-Attorney of Westchester County exercised jurisdiction in a will case, owing to the Surrogate having been disqualified from admitting the will to probate, he having been named in the will as an executor. The following points were made by counsel for complainant on appeal: The District-Attorney has no jurisdiction in this matter. The Surrogate of the County, at the time the complainant presented her petition to the District-Attorney, was not disqualified. It is true he was named as an executor in the will referred to in the petition, but had not qualified, and the petitioner states he declined and refused to act as executor. The Surrogate being named as executor in the will merely disqualifies him from admitting the will to probate. If the Surrogate was at that time disqualified, then the County Judge took jurisdiction. The petitioner states she is informed and verily believes that the County Judge was disqualified, but she does not state anything in her petition by which the Court can see how he was disqualified. It appears from the testimony that in February, 1867, the County Judge assumed to have jurisdiction, and issued a citation in this very matter. The County Judge seems to think that because the complainant consulted his law partner after he issued the citation, he was disqualified from acting. Instead, however, of disqualifying the County Judge from acting as Surrogate, his law partner was disqualified from acting as Attorney. Assuming that the District-Attorney had jurisdiction, the testimony shows that the District-Attorney erred in making the order removing Mr. Chappell, the executor.

Counsel for the respondent made the following points: The Surrogate, John W. Mills, had no authority to act in the premises, because he was appointed an executor in said will. William H. Robertson, County Judge, was disqualified from acting in the matter of said estates, because he was one of the firm of Close & Robertson, who were interested in said estate. On the return day of the citation to said Chappell, requiring him to show cause why he should not be superseded, &c., the only objection to the jurisdiction of the District-Attorney acting as Surrogate was the alleged jurisdiction of John W. Mills, Surrogate of Westchester County. It is insisted that if the Surrogate, John W. Mills, is not prohibited from acting by the statute before referred to, he is disqualified by reason of being counsel for said Chappell. No appeal having been taken from the order superseding letters testamentary issued to said Chappell, no question can arise as to the propriety of granting such order.

Grenville T. Jenks and John P. Jenkins, for appellant; Close & Robertson, for respondent.

A MECHANIC'S LIEN FOR LABOR, &C.

John Kerby vs. *Kiernan B. Daly.*—This action was brought to foreclose a mechanic's lien for $8,745, part of a balance claimed by plaintiff to be due for work, labor and materials, furnished by him in the erection of certain buildings for defendant in the town of Morrisania. Appellant urges that the claim of the plaintiff was not proved sufficiently to entitle him to recover; that the special contracts set up in the answer were clearly established by the testimony, and should have been found by the referee; that the value of the work and materials used in these buildings is much less than claimed by plaintiff and found by the referee; that the counter claim for defective and unskilful workmanship should have been allowed defendant; that on the facts sworn to by the plaintiff and found by the referee, the plaintiff was not entitled to a lien, and therefore should not have recovered in this action, and the judgment should be reversed.

Respondent represents that the questions in this case were questions of fact. One was whether there was a contract to do the work for any particular amount. Another was whether the plaintiff had done the work on the house according to the plan in the book. And another, which depended upon the last named, was whether any deduction should be made because the plaintiff had not done the work according to the plan; that it was claimed for the defendant before the referee that the plaintiff had not done the work in a workmanlike manner, because he did not furnish the same. It is contended that the plaintiff, and he alone, furnished the materials and paid for them, and that he is clearly within the law of 1854; that the law gives a lien for digging the well and cistern and grading the ground; that at the time of settling the case the referee, upon the request of defendant, and under the plaintiff's objection, undertook to make other findings of fact in addition to those contained in his report, and allowed exceptions to such findings, and this is all void, as the referee, after having made his report, lost jurisdiction of the case judicially, and could not then make any new or other findings of fact to sustain or overthrow his report, and that the judgment should be affirmed.

Close and Shepard for appellant; Dykman, Mills and Cochran for respondent.

ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR.

The Examining Committee appointed at the present General Term, consisting of Messrs. Frederick A. Tallmadge, Sanderson and Ralph E. Prime, yesterday reported in favor of admitting the following named gentlemen: Sidney A. Sherman, A. E. Mudger, Simon Dunn, F. H. Little, L. K. Church, Henry L. Nelson, E. F. Hopke, F. E. Wilson, F. E. Sausen, John B. Tallmadge, Robert H. Strahan, Peter B. Good, Edgar M. Easton, G. W. Kneabel, James S. Dane, Judah D. Voorhees, E. L. Kinney, J. W. Jones, Frederick A. Wheeler. The report was confirmed by the Court.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Jones.

DEMURRER—DEFECT OF PARTIES.

Johnston et al. vs. *Bennett et al.*—This action was brought to recover the amount of a bill of goods sold and delivered to the defendants by the false representations and deceit of the defendants. The sale was made by the late firm of Dunkle, Johnston & Co., hat manufacturers of this City, which firm was subsequently dissolved, and the assets and good-will thereof were assigned to John J. Johnston and A. Boynton, who brought the present action. The defendants demurred to the complaint on the grounds: 1. That there is a defect of parties plaintiffs in the mission of G. W. Dunkle and R. W. Dickey, two of the persons who were parties in business with the plaintiffs under the firm name of Dunkle, Johnston & Co. 2. That the pretended cause of action could not be assigned or transferred by said Dunkle, Johnston & Co., so as to give the plaintiffs a right to sue in their own names and to maintain the action; that an action for deceit was not assignable. The Court rendered the following opinion: The principle laid down in Haight vs. Hoyt, 19 New-York R., 464, controls this case, and under it the demurrer must be overruled. The case of Haight vs. Hoyt proceeds so far as the point involved in the case at bar is concerned, upon sections 1 and 2 of article 1 of title 3 of chapter 8 of part 3 of the Revised Statutes. (See opinion of Judge Grover, at p. 467, and of Denio, J., at p. 474.) When Zabriskie vs. Smith (13 N. Y. R.) was decided, these provisions of the statute do not appear to have been called to the attention of the learned Judge (Denio) who delivered the opinion. Demurrer overruled, with costs, with leave to defendant to withdraw demurrer and answer within twenty days; if not, then judgment for plaintiffs, with costs.

Fithian, Clark & Smith for demurrer; B. C. Thayer opposing.

SURROGATE'S COURT—DEC. 17.

Before Surrogate Tucker.

THE PATULLO ESTATE—OPINION OF THE SURROGATE.

This matter having been reached in its order to-day, on the call of the calendar the Surrogate said: I have been served with an alternative writ of *mandamus* from the Supreme Court, issued on the relation of the Public Administrator, and commanding me to decide the questions raised before me by this application according to a certain construction of law and fact which that Court has indicated in its writ. I have made my return to the writ, respectfully denying the power of the Supreme Court to command me in advance to construe statutes or decide issues of fact in any particular manner, or in favor of any litigant party; and I have further submitted that the Surrogate has the exclusive jurisdiction to decide all questions pending before him subject to the action of the Supreme Court, only, on appeal. The argument upon my return has been had before that honorable Court, and the papers taken for a decision. Pending that decision, the action of the Surrogate is not free, and every judicial tribunal, however humble, should be free, that it may be independent in its action. I desire therefore not to try this case at this time, or to take any action upon the contested administration. The application made by the Public Administrator, and the objections made to it by the party interested in the estate, will therefore stand adjourned till the January Term of the Court, unless the *mandamus* shall be sooner decided by the Court above.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 17.

By Judge Cardozo.

Champlain Bowen et al. vs. Chase et al.; motion denied without costs.

Brever et al. vs. Schneitzer; motion denied.

Rothschild vs. Houseman et al.; motion granted.

Caldwell, Jr., et al. vs. The Pioneer Iron Works et al.; motion denied.

Isaacs vs. Reavy; attachment may issue unless the defendant pay $10 costs, and submit to an examination on Monday next.

Caulfield et al. vs. Kendrick et al.; motion granted. The People ex rel. Davies, Jr., &c., vs. Tucker, &c.; see memoranda of decisions.

Gillet et al. vs. Mackay et al.; motion granted; costs to abide the event.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 17.

By Judge Jones.

Henry Roberts vs. John Baird et al.; motion to vacate judgment granted.

Rush C. Hawkins vs. George Bliss, Jr.; motion granted.

Samuel Robinson et al. vs. John Consaulus et al.; motion to set aside judgment granted.

Caroline Gordon vs. Sarah E. Hartley et al.; motion granted and reference ordered.

Storer vs. Allen; the counsel in this action are requested to attend before me next Saturday, at 10 A. M.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 17, 1868.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, R..	109½	25 Cent. Nat. Bank...	110¼
3,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20 C..	109½	100 West. U. Tel.....	36⅝
'62.....	110⅝	200 do.....	36⅝
10,000 5-20 C., '65.....	107⅝	15 Adams Ex.....	49
5,000 5-20, C., '65, new	110	100 do.....	48⅝
18,000 U. S. 5-20 C, '67	110⅝	20 Amer. Ex.....	44
3,000 do.....	110⅝	50 Mer. Tr. Ex.....	16
14,000 U.S. 5s, 10-40 C.	104⅝	400 do.....	16
10,000 Tenn. St. 6s, new	68½	100 N. Y. Cen.....	126⅝
2,000 do.....	68⅝	300 do.....	126⅝
2,000 N. Car. St. 6s...	40	100 do.....	126⅝
1,000 N. Car. 6s, new..	40	100 do.....	40
10,000 do...bet. call	42⅜	200 do.....	40
10,000 do...3d call	42⅜	100 Erie.....	40
10,000 do.....	42⅜	200 do.....	b30 4¼
4,000 Missouri St. 6s	90	125 Mich. Cen.....	120
1,000 Erie 1st M.....	101	20 Clev. & Pitts.....	82⅝
1,000 Harlem 1st M...	100	100 Chi. & N. W.....	76
3,000 do.....	100	100 C. & N. W. Pf..	78⅝
3,000 P., Ft. W. & C. 2d	98⅝	200 Clev. & Tol.....	101⅛
2,000 M. & St. P. 8s 1st	1 2	400 Lake Shore.....	100⅜
5 Am. Ex.....	115⅜	100 do.....	100⅜
8 do.....	115⅜	100 Mil. & St. P.....	66
35 B'k of the Commonwealth.....	115	100 Mil. & St. P. Pf....	82
20 Fourth Nat. Bank	105½	50 N. J. Cen.....	112
5 do.....	106	100 do.....	112⅜
		50 Ohio & Miss.....	24⅜
		50 Han. & St. Jo. Pf..	91

SECOND BOARD—12½ P. M.

$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81 C...	114⅜	$30,000 Tenn. 6s...new	68⅜
3,000 5-20 C., '62...	113⅜	9,000 Ala. St. 8s...	86
5,000 do.....	113⅜	3,000 Ill. Cen Bds.....	114⅜
2,000 5-20 C., '64 ...	106⅞	1,000 P., F. W. & C. 1st	103
10,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20, C., '65.....	107⅜	5,000 Mich. So. S. & N. I. 8s.....	97
180,000 5-20 C., '67.....	110⅛	100 Pac. Mail.....	111⅜
185,000 do.....	110	100 Union Co. bet. call	49
20,000 do.....	110	120 Adams Ex.....	49
50,000 do.....	109⅛	50 Amer. Ex.....	45
8,000 5-20 C., '68..	107⅛	100 N. Y. Central.....	127⅛
1,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40, R.	104⅜	100 Harlem...bet. call	126⅝
6,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	104⅜	400 Mich. Cen.....	122
100 do.....	104⅜	200 Clev. & Pitts.....	82
40,000 U.S. 6s, F.R. Is.	104⅜	300 Mil. & St. P.....	64¾
3,000 Va. St. 6s, ex c.	55⅜	50 do.....	70
9,000 N. Car. St. 6s..	40⅜	50 P., Ft. W. & C.....	70⅝
5,000 do.....	40⅜	50 M. & St. P. & Pf....	110
2,000 N. C. St. 6s, new	42⅜	95 Bost. H. & E.....	26
15,000 do.....	42⅜	100 Lake Shore.....	100¾
5,000 R. I. St. 6s.....	101½		

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

$30,000 Tenn. St. 6s, new.....	68⅛	200 Clev. & Pitts.....	82⅜
10,000 do.....	68⅛	200 do.....	82⅜
1600 N. Y. Cen.....	126	600 do.....	82⅜
900 do.....	126⅜	500 do.....	82⅜
200 do.....	126⅜	200 do.....	82⅜
200 Erie.....	40	200 do.....	82⅜
300 Reading.....	97	1200 C. & N. W.....	76
200 Mil. & St. P.....	64⅜	300 do.....	b30 76
300 Mil. Cen. Pf. Pf....	82	200 do.....	76⅜
700 P., Ft. W. & C.....	100	200 do.....	76⅜
200 Ohio & Miss.....	28⅜	200 do.....	c 76⅜
1000 Mich. So. & N. I..	96⅛	600 Chi. & N. W. Pf..	78⅜
500 Chi., R. I. & P....	107⅜	300 do.....	c 78⅜
1200 do.....	107⅜		
200 do.....	107⅜		

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000 Va. 6s, new....	57⅜	300 Mil. & St. P. Pf..	82¼
20 American Ex.....	44	200 Ohio & Miss.....	29⅛
10 Wells Fargo Ex.....	26	200 Mich. So. & N. I..	97⅛
100 do.....	25	200 do.....	b3 86⅛
800 N. Y. Cen.....	127⅛	100 do.....	c 86⅛
1.0 do.....	127⅛	500 Clev. & Pitts.....	82⅜
600 do.....	b3 127⅛	500 do.....	c30 82⅜
600 do.....	127⅜	200 Clev. & Tol.....	101⅛
700 do.....	s3 127⅜	300 C., R. I. & Pac....	107⅜
300 do.....	s3 127⅜	100 do.....	b3 107⅜
100 do.....	b3 127⅜	100 do.....	c 107⅜
200 do.....	s3 127⅜	400 Chi. & N. W.....	78⅜
140 Pac. Mail.....	c 111⅜	300 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	77⅜
100 do.....	111⅜	200 do.....	b3 77⅜
400 West. Un. T.....	36⅝	500 do.....	77⅜
100 do.....	s3 36⅝	100 Boston W. P.....	14
200 Reading R.....	96⅞		

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

100 Adams Ex.....	49	300 P., Ft. W. & C....	112⅜
600 N. Y. Cen.....	127⅛	10 do.....	s3 110⅛
100 do.....	127⅜	100 Ohio & Miss.....	29⅛
400 do.....	127⅜	200 Mich. So. & N. I..	86⅞
200 Erie.....	40	100 Clev. & Tol.....	101⅜
200 do.....	38⅞	200 Clev. & Pitts.....	82⅜
100 P. M. Sc. Co.....	111⅜	500 do.....	82⅜
100 Mil. & St. P. Pf....	83⅜	200 do.....	s10 82
3.0 Reading.....	97	800 Chi., R. I. & P....	107⅜
800 do.....	96⅞	100 Chi. & N. W.....	75⅞
200 do.....	s30 96⅞	300 Chi. & N. W. Pf....	77⅜

THURSDAY, Dec. 17—P. M.

The sales of Gold to-day reflect a weakness in the market from the near approach of the January Gold Interest to be paid out of the Treasury Office, chiefly to our own people, who realize the premium upon their coupons at once. The amount of this interest to be collected for foreign account is comparatively small, and not likely to affect the currency for Exchange. The sales of Gold opened at 134⅛ ₱ cent. and declined to 134⅛@⅜ ₱ cent. The Cash Gold is easy for immediate delivery, and this fact, in connection with the decline of ⅛@⅜ ₱ cent. on yesterday's sales, caused a somewhat improved inquiry for Exchange, which we quote this afternoon at 109⅞@⅞ for 60-days on London, and 110⅜ short sight.

The demand for Money to-day has been quite sharp at 7 ₱ cent., on call, and 7 ₱ cent. and liberal commissions, either in the way of Gold Interest or Brokerages, offered to carry Stocks over the New Year or for 30@60 days. We notice no substantial evidences, however, of a renewal of the "locking up" process on the eve of the Quarterly Bank Statement of Jan. 4, which some of our sensational neighbors report as having been determined upon. The Public Funds apparently felt the pressure for Money to-day to the extent of ⅛@⅜ ₱ cent. decline, while the State and Railway Stocks were firmer than yesterday, and the speculation in the latter was carried forward without much reference to the price of Money.

The pressure upon the market for the Public Funds was chiefly upon the new 5-20s of 1867, which sold to the extent of $300,000 or $400,000, this afternoon, at 110 ₱ cent. cash, and 109⅞, seller to deliver in 30 days. The other descriptions of 5-20s were also weak; and the 10-40s sold at 105⅛ ₱ cent. The advance of yesterday in New Tennessee Bonds was maintained, and there was a further rise in North Carolinas, both Old and New. The Virginias and Missouris were again firm. In the Railways there was a buoyant feeling in New York Central, and a rapid rise from 125¼@126@127@128@128¼ ₱ cent., succeeded by a reaction to 127@126⅜@127¼ ₱ cent. The transactions in the Stock were active, but not in amounts corresponding with the large and sudden advance in price. The movement, however, in this favorite Stock, was sufficient to impart a fair degree of steadiness to the Western Roads as against the prevailing talk of tight Money for the remainder of the Old Year. The weakest on this list was Michigan Southern, and the strongest Michigan Central. The former dull at 86¼, the latter in demand at 122 ₱ cent. The Michigan Central Company, it is said, will divide 15 ₱ cent. in January, to wit, 5 ₱ cent. cash, out of the net earnings of the past 6 months, and 10 ₱ cent. in Stock, to take the place of a corresponding amount of the 8 ₱ cent. Bonds of the Company paid off by the Sinking Fund. The Miscellaneous Share list is again weak on Pacific Mail. The Stock is adversely affected by the near approach of the completion of the Pacific Railway lines, Union and Central, which will probably meet before the 4th of July next, near Salt Lake, and thus perfect an unbroken Railway from New-York to Sacramento, 1,830 miles west of the Missouri River at Omaha, and about 3,500 miles from this City. The problem as to what extent this great achievement of internal communication is to affect the passenger and freight traffic of the Pacific Mail steamers from New-York to Panama, through the Carribbean Sea, and thence up the long coast line of the Pacific Ocean to San Francisco, remains to be solved.

After the late Boards broke up, the following quotations were made as compared with Wednesday night. Gold is weak at 134¼@⅜; Exchange firm, 109¾@⅞; Public Funds, 109¾@110 for the 5-20s of 1867; the Railways firm on New-York Central and Rock Island:

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
United States 10-40s.....	105⅜	105⅛
United States 5-20s of 1862.....	110⅛	110⅛
United States 5-20s of 1867.....	110⅛	110
American Gold Coin.....	135	134⅛
Bills on London, 60 days	109⅛	109⅜
New Bonds of Tennessee.....	68⅛	68⅛
Virginia Bonds, old.....	56	55⅛
Missouri Bonds.....	90	90
North Carolina Bonds, old.....	65	65⅛
New-York Central.....	125⅛	127⅛
Erie Railway.....	40⅛	40
Reading Railway.....	96⅞	96⅞
Chicago and Rock Island.....	107⅛	108⅛
Northwest Common.....	75⅛	75⅜
Northwest Preferred.	77⅛	77⅛
Michigan Southern.....	86⅛	86⅜
Pittsburg and Ft. Wayne.....	110⅛	110⅛
Cleveland and Pittsburg.....	83⅛	82⅛
Pacific Mail Company.....	112⅛	111⅛
St. Paul Pretered.....	83⅛	83⅛
St. Paul Common.....	64⅛	64⅛
Toledo and Wabash.....	55⅛	55⅛

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 ₱ cent. reg., 1881....	109¾	5-20 coupon 1867.....	110
6 ₱ cent. coup., 1881....	114¾	5-20 coup., 1868.....	110¾
5-20 reg., 1862.....	106	5 ₱ cent. reg., 1871....	120
5-20 coup., 1862.....	106⅛	5 ₱ cent. reg., 1874....	110
5-20 reg., 1864.....	106⅝	5 ₱ cent. coup., 1874....	117
5-20 coup., 1864.....	106⅝	End. coupons, 1874....	115
5-20 reg., 1865.....	106	10-40 reg.....	102⅝
5-20 coup., 1865.....	106⅝	10-40 coup.....	105⅛
5-20 reg., 1867.....	106⅜	Currency.....	99⅝

And the following for the State Bonds:

N. Y. Reg. B'y Loan...	106	Michigan 6 ₱ c., 1873...	100
N. Y. Coup. B'y Loan...	110	Tennessee 6 ₱ c. ex c.	68
N. Y. 7 ₱ c. Canal, 1870.	110⅛	Tenn. 6 ₱ c., n. bds....	68⅛
N. Y. 7 ₱ c. Canal, 1872.	109⅝	Virginia 6s, ex c.....	57
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1873.	108⅞	Virginia 6s, n. bds....	57
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1874.	108⅝	Georgia 6s.....	80
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1875.	108⅝	Georgia 7s, n. bds.....	93⅛
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1876.	108½	North Carolina 6s.....	40⅛
N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, 1874.	99	North Car. 6s, n. bds..	42⅜
Illinois 6s, 1870.....	92⅝	Missouri 6s.....	89⅝
Illinois 6s, coup., '79, '81.	92⅝	Missouri 6s, 1885-Jo. ins.	89⅝
Illinois 6s, c. '79 aft. '81.	92⅝	Louisiana 6s.....	60
Illinois 6s, c. '79 aft. 1880.	92⅝	Louisiana levee bds....	60
Ill. 6s, coup. '79 aft. 1870.	102	California 7s.....	103¾
Illinois 6s, coup. 1879..	102⅝	Canal 7s, large bonds...	103¾
Illinois coupon, 6s, 1879.	102⅝	Connecticut 6s.....	101
Illinois War Loan.....	102⅜	Rhode Island 6s.....	101

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Dispatches from Constantinople state that the King of Greece has positively rejected the ultimatum of the Sultan of Turkey, and the passport of the Greek Envoy has been given him. The Sultan has proclaimed that all Greek males remaining in Turkey at the end of two weeks will be regarded as Turkish subjects. An engagement is reported to have taken place between a Turkish cruiser and the Greek steamer *Eroia*, the latter being forced to seek safety in the harbor of Syria, where she is blockaded by the Turkish Admiral, HOBART PASHA. Reinforcements for the Turkish fleet have been sent from Constantinople.

CONGRESS.

The Senate passed a bill yesterday, reported from the Finance Committee, extending to the 15th of February the time for affixing stamps upon tobacco, spirits, &c. A number of bills and resolutions were introduced and referred to committees. A bill removing the political disabilities from certain citizens of South Carolina was passed. Mr. SUMNER endeavored to have passed his resolutions expressing sympathy for the people of Spain in their efforts to secure a new order of things; but before a vote could be reached the morning hour expired. The resolutions reported by the Finance Committee, disapproving of the financial measures recommended by the President in his annual Message, were taken up. Mr. DIXON being entitled to the floor, said that while he would not admit that the President proposed repudiation, he was opposed to his recommendations and would vote for the resolution. He then reviewed Senator MORTON'S speech and opposed his financial plans. After a general debate the resolution was adopted. One or two bills were introduced and referred, after which the Senate adjourned.

In the House eulogies upon the late THADDEUS STEVENS were pronounced by Messrs. KELLY, WOOD, BROOMALL, WHITEMORE, COVODE and others, after which the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

Our latest South American advices by mail give the particulars of the inauguration of Señor BARTOLEMEO as President of the Argentine Confederation together with interesting intelligence regarding the progress of the Paraguayan war. Marquis DE CAXIAS reports that he found in the old Paraguayan encampment, near Tibicuari, the half-buried remains of the Vice-President and about thirty others, some with the bandages of the executioner still on their eyes. He had been directed to the spot by prisoners and deserters. The railroad between Rosario and Cordoba is being vigorously pushed along.

A. A. WHITEHEAD, a clerk in the Union Pacific Railroad freight office, was robbed at Cheyenne on Wednesday night of $9,000. He was on his way to the Express office, when he encountered three men, who put pistols to his head, marched him off to the prairie, tied and gagged him, and robbed him of all the money he had.

Gens. GRANT, THOMAS, SCHOFIELD, McDOWELL, and their respective Staffs, left Chicago yesterday for Cincinnati, where they will remain one day.

The *Diario*, published at Havana in the interest of the Spanish authorities, says the rebels are committing all manner of outrages in the Eastern Department. The crops have been ruined by them, and starvation stares the residents in the face. More of the Spanish reinforcements had arrived at Havana.

It is reported in Memphis that a fight took place at Augusta, Ark., on Wednesday, between some citizens and thirty of the militia, during which four of the latter were killed. A resolution was passed in the lower branch of the Legislature, after a fierce debate, indorsing the Governor's proclamation of martial law in Conway County. The Governor, in his message, says the militia will soonbe withdrawn and Federal troops sent to fill their places.

By the recent terrible storm at Halifax extensive damage was done at the wharves, nearly every vessel in port having been injured more or less. A large number of small trading and fishing vessels were seriously injured, and some destroyed, by being driven into one another and into the wharves.

The trial of Mr. TWITCHELL for the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. HILL, was commenced yesterday in Philadelphia. Six jurors were obtained without difficulty, and the panel will be completed to-day. Mrs. TWITCHELL, who is charged with being her husband's accomplice, asked for a separate trial, and the request was granted.

Thirty sailors of the steamship *Havana*, which vessel recently raised the Peruvian flag at New-Orleans, were brought before the Court yesterday on *habeas corpus*. As the Peruvian Consul had consented to their release, the writs were dismissed.

Eight hundred boxes of tobacco, in the hands of prominent merchants in New-Orleans, were seized by revenue officers, on Wednesday, for alleged violations of the Revenue laws.

The New-Orleans steamers of LIVINGSTON, FOX & Co.'s line will hereafter make their trips without touching at Havana. The new arrangement will be inaugurated by the steamer *De Soto*, which leaves this port on Saturday next.

A meeting of the alumni of Hamilton College was held last evening at Columbia College Law School, for the purpose of forming an organization of the alumni, and to arrange for an annual reunion, Prof. DWIGHT in the chair. A list of officers for permanent organization was submitted and approved of.

At the monthly meeting of the American Geographical and Statistical Society, held last evening, at their rooms, Cooper Institute, a paper on the early voyages of the Northmen to America was read, by Rev. B. F. DECOSTA, to an appreciative audience.

The prizes of the American Columbian Society were awarded yesterday. The exhibition remains open to-day.

The Board of Councilmen yesterday concurred in the resolution increasing the salary of the Keeper of the City Hall to $3,750. Resolutions to pave Fourth-street, Astor-place and Rivington-street with McGonegal wooden pavement were also concurred in.

At the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, before Judge CARDOZO, the case of BELMONT et al. vs. The Erie Railway Company et al., was proceeded with, but was, at 3 P. M., again postponed by the Court until this morning, after it had heard the arguments of Mr. A. J. VANDERPOEL and Mr. CHARLES A. RAPALLO.

Company E, Twelfth Regiment, gave an exhibition drill last evening at Irving Hall, which was a great success. The drill was a very fine exhibition of efficiency in the manual of arms and school of the soldier, showing that the "champion company" is well up in their business.

Capt. URIAH LAUSON, of the schooner *A. W. Thompson*, was yesterday held for trial, by Commissioner OSBORN, charged with obstructing the ends of justice by attempting to run away from port with his vessel, which was under seizure by the United States at the time.

JOHN OSBREY, recently sentenced to ten days' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $1,000, for defrauding the Government by means of a fraudulent whisky bond, was yesterday pardoned by President JOHNSON.

Yesterday, in the Court of General Sessions, six prisoners were convicted of various crimes. Two were sentenced to State Prison, one for five years, and another for two years and six months. Two were also sentenced to the Penitentiary, one for six months and the other for thirty days.

An active business was reported in Cotton yesterday, at firm prices. Breadstuffs were in more request. Flour, Wheat and Rye were quoted stronger; Corn and Oats lower. A brisk demand prevailed for Provisions, largely speculative. Pork, Bacon and Lard were dearer. Groceries were quiet. Freights inactive.

There were received, at all the yards, for the weekly supply, 5,954 beef cattle; 68 milch cows; 965 veal calves; 35,837 sheep and lambs, and 28,050 swine. Transactions in good beef cattle continue fairly active, although rough and interior animals sell exceedingly slow. Good to prime cattle sell for 14c.@16½c. ₱ lb., net weight. Indeed, there is an active demand for what is termed good beeves. Then, extra-fattened holiday bullocks are reported as sold at all intermediate prices from 17c.@21c. ₱ lb., net weight. There is a heavy supply of thin and poor cattle, which are sold at such low rates that sellers will seldom allow reporters to know exactly what the price was. There seems to be a little more tone in the sheep market, so that prime sheep are taken readily at 5c.@6¼c. ₱ lb., live weight. Some extra-fattened sheep were reported as sold at 8c.@11c. ₱ lb., live weight. The swine market is unchanged, with moderate transactions, and with a prospect that prices will decline, should the weather moderate. Such hogs as are received are sold for 8c.@8½c. ₱ lb., live weight, with a few at 8¾c. ₱ lb. Dressed, the same hogs will bring 1¼c.@2c. ₱ lb. more than the price of live weight.

Senator Morton and His Bill.

Mr. MORTON'S speech is more remarkable for its demolition of other plans of resumption than for the complete vindication of his own. It shows how a return to specie payments may not be effected, rather than why the bill before the Senate should be relied upon for the fulfillment of its purpose.

The project for appreciating the value of greenbacks by devoting every surplus dollar to the purchase of bonds in advance of their maturity, received from the Senator more attention than it deserves. The immorality of the proposition alone ought to secure its condemnation. The greenbacks are over-due promises to pay, and to allow these to remain dishonored, while expending available means upon obligations which will not become due these many years, were surely a questionable method of upholding the national faith. Besides, it would be unprofitable. The obstacle to resumption is the volume of the currency, not the amount of the bonded debt, and with the former unchanged, it is folly to suppose that any manipulation of the bonds would raise paper to the standard of gold. We believe that a hundred and fifty millions of gold might be expended in the purchase of bonds without producing the slightest effect upon the value of the greenback, simply because, at the end of the expenditure, the Government would be in no better position to sustain specie payments than at the beginning. On the other hand, the same amount of gold, held in the Treasury as a pledge of its ability to redeem its over-due promises, would go far toward creating the public confidence which must attend any effort at resumption.

The doctrine that "the right way to resume is to resume," as a philosophical contemporary hath it, fares no better in Mr. MORTON'S hands. It is, as he says, so obviously impracticable as to be absurd. We could understand it if non-resumption were the effect solely of an unwillingness on the part of the Government to take the decisive step; if the Government were able to maintain specie payments when resumed, but delayed from sheer perversity. This, however, is not the case. The Government is in no condition to invite confidence in its ability to pay specie to all comers; it has made no provision for the contingency; and a profession of resumption to-morrow would be followed by suspension the day after. The latter end of that process, then, would be worse than the first. To go on talking about resumption, but making no preparation for it, is to prolong inconvertibility, with no visible mode of escape.

Contraction as a stepping-stone to resumption, Mr. MORTON describes as "the Sangrado policy of bleeding the country nearly to death to cure it of a disease which demands tonics and building up." He maintains that, after making allowance for the altered condition of business, the outstanding currency is not greatly in excess of the wants of the country, and that inasmuch as it is desirable to avoid violent shocks to business, the withdrawal of greenbacks should only take place when gold and silver are issued to take their place. There is, however, little danger of contraction being resorted to. Congress undoubtedly obeyed the people's will when it arrested Mr. MCCULLOCH'S policy, and we do not apprehend its renewal under any other Secretary.

Nor is the proposal to deprive the greenback of its attribute as legal tender admissible, either as a matter of fairness between man and man, or as a preliminary to resumption. In the latter aspect it is unworthy of consideration. The object to be attained is the increase in value of the Government note, while the effect of making it no longer legal tender would be to render its value less than at present. Perhaps the Indiana Senator overstates the practical value of this characteristic when he puts it at one-third; but there can be little doubt that it is considerable, and that its abrogation would tend still further to depreciate the currency.

Mr. MORTON assails as injurious the pending measure for legalizing gold contracts. He thinks that it would be used as a means of exacting oppressive contracts, and of promoting gold gambling; and on the latter ground he holds that it would not be favorable to resumption. Now, between resumption and gold contracts there is no necessary connection. We consider it certain that by legalizing transactions on a specie basis, gold and silver would gradually return into general use, and in this respect resumption might be facilitated. But the measure is needed for quite a different reason. It is needed to give binding effect to transactions which the merchant and his customer have a perfect right to enter into; and its tendency, so far from further unsettling values, would be to impart greater certainty, and therefore greater confidence, than is now possible.

Passing from what Mr. MORTON opposes to what he advocates, we find two features which may properly belong to any plan of resumption. In the first place, he proposes to accumulate in the Treasury all the gold it may acquire after meeting necessary expenditures. And this is really the only sound basis on which preparations for resumption can be conducted. In the next place, he defers contraction until the Government shall be ready for resumption, when the cancellation of the notes redeemed will reduce the volume of currency at the same time that corresponding amounts of coin pass into general circulation. The efficacy of this provision is marred by its discretionary character. The country has had too much of Treasury discretion in matters affecting its business, and its interests will best be served by making the cancellation contemplated by Mr. MORTON absolute, instead of subject to the Secretary's approval. Let us have fixedness as far as it may be possible.

It seems to us, moreover, that Mr. MORTON adopts one of the errors he condemns when he proposes to specify the date,—though it be two years and a half hence,—at which the Government should resume payment. What guarantee can be had that on the 1st of July, 1871, the Treasury will be in a condition to pay specie? The time named is remote enough for ordinary preparation, on the part both of the Government and the public. Still the best laid plans sometimes fail in their operation, and the Senator's may be of the number. The more prudent course, therefore, would appear to be to define the measures of preparation, to push them forward vigorously, and to delay the announcement of a date for resumption until, say, three-fourths of the requisite strength shall have been obtained. This course is compatible with all reasonable preparations on the part of the public.

Another proposal which Mr. MORTON fails to justify is that which defers resumption by the National Banks until some time after resumption by the Government. Why should this distinction be set up? If the banks are to be compelled to hold legal-tender notes which, after resumption, may be converted at the Treasury on demand, the delay suggested would be of no avail to the Government. It would be the very opposite, because imposing on the Government the duty of providing for resumption unaided. The task is one which the banks may be fairly required to share.

Reverdy Johnson in England.

Our Minister in England still keeps talking,—and we cannot fairly say that his talk improves in quality. His letter to the workingmen of London, defending himself against the charge of treason, is simply absurd. In the first place, no such charge has been made,—in any quarter worthy of the slightest notice. No one who knows anything of Mr. JOHNSON, or of his political history, supposes for a moment that he has any sympathy with the rebel cause, or any desire to restore it, or its supporters, to favor either at home or abroad. He was a zealous Union man throughout the war. He favored the destruction of slavery as a means of destroying the rebel power. And he voted for the Congressional bill of reconstruction, as the most feasible mode of restoring peace, union and harmony to the whole country.

No one accuses or suspects him of "treason," either to his country or the Union cause, for having kept up terms of "friendly intercourse" with LAIRD and other Englishmen friendly to the South during the war. The worst offence he is charged with, in that connection, is very bad taste and a culpable indifference to the sensibilities—patriotic and just, even if sometimes excessive and morbid,—of his countrymen. Our people do not quarrel, at this late day, with Englishmen for their opinions concerning our war, nor even for favoring the enemies of our Union so long as they did it from a mistaken judgment but without rancor or insult. There is no feeling among us now against Earl RUSSELL for having said during the war that "the South was struggling for independence and the North for empire," nor against GLADSTONE for having given JEFF. DAVIS the credit of having "created a nation." Either of these statesmen may have held and uttered such sentiments without offence,—however mistaken they proved in the end.

But there were Englishmen who took as active a part against us in the rebellion as did JEFF. DAVIS himself, and who had not his excuse. LAIRD was one such, and ROEBUCK and Lord WHARNCLIFFE were two others. LAIRD deceived his own Government in order to make war on ours; ROEBUCK sided with the rebellion, not because he thought it just, but avowedly to cripple our power; and Lord WHARNCLIFFE, prompted by the same undisguised hatred of our institutions and our growth, headed an effort to replenish, by English aid, the rebel treasury. These men had no other claim to distinction anywhere, except what these acts of hatred and hostility to us gave them. As English statesmen they were utterly without prestige or influence. It was not necessary for our Minister, to "conciliate" them, in order to enlist the public sentiment of England in favor of peace and friendship betweens the two countries. They were not powerful leaders of English opinion, in any sense or on any question. Yet Mr. JOHNSON seemed to make them objects of special attention and courtesy,—in ostentatious neglect of BRIGHT, FORSTER and others who had been our friends from the beginning, and who have power as well as ability to promote our interests while maintaining and defending their own. Mr. JOHNSON'S course, in this matter, has excited a good deal of feeling among his countrymen. It seemed to them unjust to those Englishmen who had been our friends when our need of friends was greatest, and utterly lacking in respect for the resentment every community must feel against those who were our bitterest foes when their blows would hurt us most.

Mr. JOHNSON ascribes the attacks upon him in the American Press to a "secret dislike for peaceful relations between the two countries." There is no such "dislike" on the part of our people in general, and whatever there is of it among us is by no means "secret." Beyond all question the Irish in this country,—those of them at least who are represented in Congress by FERNANDO WOOD and W. E. ROBINSON,—are in favor of war with England,—not at all because either the honor or the interest of this country requires it, but as a means of achieving Irish independence. They, certainly, are open enough in avowing their desire. They make no secret of their "dislike" of peace. And beyond this class there is no portion or class of the American people who desire war with England, or who would look upon it with any other feelings than those of abhorrence. Nor are there any newspapers in this country, except that small class which acts as organs of Irish sentiment or panders to Irish favor, which treat the question in any other light.

The American Press has been generally united in expressing dissatisfaction with Mr. JOHNSON'S mode of representing his country,—not in the least with his efforts for the preservation of peace, but solely with the manner which he has thought necessary to adopt for that end. He was sent there to negotiate with the English Government, for the adjustment of certain specific differences, not with LAIRD, ROEBUCK and Company for their good opinions or kindly inclinations. He has mistaken, perhaps not the objects of his mission, but the methods proper for its attainment, and while his countrymen by no means concur in the wholesale and sweeping denunciations with which he has been assailed by the *Tribune* and a few other journals, and still less in the charge of "treason" so loosely and absurdly hurled at him, they do very generally think that he has needlessly compromised the dignity of the country and sought worthy ends by unworthy and disparaging means.

It looks as if Mr. JOHNSON, in spite of what we deem his mistakes and the feeling which some of his acts have excited among his own countrymen, would lay the basis for a final adjustment of all disputes, and for the restoration of peaceful relations, between the two countries. Success in this great end will condone a multitude of mistakes, and cover a multitude of such errors as are alleged against him. When an object so desirable in itself, and so fruitful of blessing to all mankind, as peace and friendly relations with Great Britain, shall have been secured, the people of both countries will waive their objections to the minor mistakes that may have been committed in the path of approach to the great end itself. We trust that Mr. JOHNSON will continue his efforts for the preservation of peace, but that he will forego any further demonstrations of special friendship to the enemies of his country, and that he will write no more such letters as that to the workingmen of London.

What Will History Say?

The Muse sometimes makes strange work of it. The followers of NIEBUHR now consider NERO an amiable gentleman; FROUDE establishes the virtue of HENRY the VIII.; Queen ELIZABETH was no statesman, and Queen MARY not lovely; and to-day here in America, in the *Catholic world*, a very able writer has not left our martyr—GALILEO a leg to stand on. The Muse, therefore, is coming to bear a bad character for truth and veracity, and may not be believed under oath by-and-by.

But for this very reason our recent Presidents should not despair, though too the people are losing faith. Even President JOHNSON, in the lapse of ages, may be pronounced the very "Moses of the slaves," as in a moment of peculiar hilarity he once pronounced himself; he may appear yet in history as the beloved leader of a great liberty party battling for freedom and the rights of man; he may, indeed, be pictured as the Jonathan to THAD. STEVENS as David; and as a Presidential ghost he *may* enjoy it.

So, too, that departed chief BUCHANAN, may cross the stage dight in bright armor like Hamlet's father, and appear leading on the united host, to preserve the Union and destroy a hydra called "secession." He *may* be so painted yet, though it seems the muse must learn much and forget more in order to do it. But let not J. B. wholly despair.

"Poor Pierce" may—well we may read with some grains of incredulity, how he carried on a hand to hand fight with ATCHINSON, DOUGLAS, and the rest of them, to preserve the Missouri Compromise line, and keep slavery out of Kansas; how he shot away with a Sharpe's rifle, through two years, to keep back the invading wave, and at last sealed his devotion to liberty with his blood. *We* shall not read this; but some budding Japanese, five centuries hence, may so study history on the hills of New-Hampshire, when the white-skinned races shall have disappeared. And JOHN TYLER, the least now, may loom up as the greatest then, and may appear not only great as statesman and warrior, but as poet also,—as the inspired penman of that battle-chant known as "Tippecanoe and Tyler too,"—a second David.

Who can tell what history may yet say? And who can fail to hope that the Muse will put the best face possible upon these great men, and will *varnish* a little? Who can fail to hope and pray, too, that this race of little giants has departed never to return? Who can fail to hope and believe that we have at last reached a man and a President, who will no longer put himself on a level with the base to secure the suffrages of the base—whose life has never been, and will never be, a bowing of the knee to an unworthy Baal, that he may eat of his burnt offerings? Let us not despair of the Republic, whatever the Muse of History may have said or sung.

Army Reunions and their Purposes.

The former meetings of the Western army organizations at Cincinnati and St. Louis were simply social reunions, having no higher or more practical purpose than the celebration of some battle anniversary. But at the meeting at Chicago on the anniversary of the battle of Nashville, an attempt was made to resolve at least one of the associations—that of the Army of the Ohio—into a sort of special historical society for the collection of material concerning it as it operated in the field; while another made arrangements or at least passed resolutions commending the preparation of a history of its operations.

These attempts to give utility to these organizations are very commendable; the history of each army, each corps, each division, each brigade, each regiment and each company, written by its own commander, with the addition of such personal recollections and reminiscences as would naturally creep into such accounts, would be invaluable to posterity if gathered in a library, even in manuscript form. But the plan of separate organizations, separate libraries and separate histories for each army has a serious objection which should not be hastily overlooked. It is calculated to produce a jealousy between the Societies and lead, in an insidious way not to be prevented, to criminations and reflections on other organizations and individuals. Much jealousies and backbiting were the most lamentable consequences of the early organization of the army into sectional and State divisions,—as, for instance, all the Eastern troops going to the Potomac, all the Middle State troops to the Army of the Ohio, and the extreme Western men to the Army of the Tennessee, while, in some cases, brigades and even divisions were wholly organized with troops from a single State. The objectionable results which rendered it necessary to change this army organization in part, will follow the plan of the Society organization as contemplated. The practical utility of these organizations is highly desirable, but there ought to be one general organization including each army, and such we yet hope to see.

The Eastern Question Again—Turkey and Greece.

The Eastern question is coming up for solution with alarming rapidity. There can now, we fear, be no doubt as to the imminent danger of the situation. For more than a year and a half, the Turkish Government has steadily protested against the course pursued by Greece in affording material assistance to the Cretan insurgents, and has with equal persistency urged its view of the case upon the Great Powers of Europe. As long ago as April 1867, FUAD PACHA, Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressed a strong remonstrance to the Hellenic Government on the subject. He complained of the non-enforcement of the articles of the penal code, under which all who recruited armed bodies in Greece without Government authorization, or who enlisted men for service under other Governments, were punishable with death or imprisonment, and summed up the position of the Greek Government in the following words:

"The Hellenic Government has not declared war against us, but all the Hellenes declare it, and the Government says it is not responsible. Is that position tenable?"

But at that date, the general impression was that the Cretan insurrection was a universal movement throughout the island, and that its ultimate success was all but assured. The Sultan had not then visited the capitals of Western Europe, and had not then given the assurances of his earnest personal desire for the religious equality and material welfare of all classes of his subjects, that he since has done. France and England, the old allies of Turkey, held aloof, and for some time it seemed as though Crete would not improbably obtain either autonomy or annexation to Greece. But now the case is very different. The insurrection has degenerated into a guerilla warfare, maintained by a few armed bands, mainly recruited in Greece. We doubt if the most ardent well-wisher to the cause of the Candian Christians can hope for any good result from the continuance of the present state of disorder. Unless the great powers pronounce in favor of Cretan independence, the cause of the insurgents must be abandoned as hopeless; and even Russia, the only power whose material interests, as well as religious sympathies, predispose her to side with the insurrectionary movement, has signified that, while "resolved to accomplish her duties to humanity," she has no intention of "adopting an isolated course of action." It is clear, therefore, that while the Cretans may look to the Great Powers for their good offices with the Porte, and their influence in favor of the establishment of a liberal system of government in the island, they cannot expect intervention on their behalf on the part of any Great Power.

Under these circumstances, the Turkish Government seems to have determined to act energetically. An *ultimatum* has been addressed to the Hellenic Government, and troops have been concentrated on the Thessalian frontier. Greece, on the other hand, seems bent on war in preference to concession. Notwithstanding the earnest efforts of France and England to dissuade her from a course so dangerous to the general peace of Europe, she rejected the *ultimatum*, amid great demonstrations of popular enthusiasm, and diplomatic relations between Athens and Constantinople have already been broken off. A Greek steamer, probably one of those engaged in carrying supplies to the insurgents, has been chased by a Turkish man-of-war into the harbor of Syra, and reinforcements have been dispatched to the Turkish squadron in Greek waters. As far as can be seen at present, war is inevitable. Both Powers have gone too far to retrace their steps, we may expect at any moment to hear that the Turkish troops have crossed the frontier, and that a war has commenced that may end in setting all Europe in a blaze. Turkey has declared that "nothing short of another Navarino" shall compel her to cede Crete to Greece, and it is to be presumed that she will fight against Greek interference in Crete in the same spirit. It is too late for diplomatic intervention, and, indeed, considering the jealousy existing between Russia and the Western Powers, diplomatic intervention might probably be more productive of harm than of good. All that can be hoped is that the war may be confined within its original limits, and that the general peace of Europe, which has been preserved so long in spite of threatened dangers in the West, may not be disturbed by the clash of arms in the East.

MINOR TOPICS.

The Senate yesterday passed the joint resolution, which has been up for the last three or four days, repudiating the President's scheme for getting rid of the debt. It is well that Congress should promptly put itself on the record against a proposition so discreditable to the country, and so damaging to the national credit.

The fight between the Turks and Greeks has begun. All the influence that the Great Powers have brought to bear upon the Government of Greece has failed to bring about a settlement of the dispute. If the Great Powers can now manage to keep out of the quarrel themselves it will be fortunate for Europe.

We see, with great pleasure, that Commissioner ROLLINS has concluded *not* to resign his office until Gen. GRANT becomes President. This decision will do good in several ways. In the first place it will, we hope, put a stop to the telegraphic rumors in regard to Mr. R.'s intentions and his motives for them; and, in the next place, it renders it reasonably certain that the leading members of the Kentucky Bourbon Company, who ran away to escape a trial, will not turn up some fine morning at the head of the Department. We see no other way in which the country could be assured that Col. WISEWELL, or Gen. MESSMORE, or Paymaster BELKNAP would not fill the Commissionership, except by Mr. ROLLINS holding on to it himself. We are glad he has resolved to "stick."

The Common Council, we observe, goes on directing the laying down of Belgian pavement in the cross streets up town. Would it not be wiser to await the result of the experiments with some of the improved styles of wooden pavement? There cannot be the shadow of a doubt that they are infinitely superior to the stone pavement in every respect except, possibly, in durability; and *that* point will be very speedily tested now by the many specimens of wooden pavement that have been put down in various parts of the City. The smoothness and quiet of the wooden pavements,—their freedom from noise and dust, and the saving of wear and tear which they afford to carriages, are advantages which ought not to be disregarded without absolute necessity.

We don't know when there will be an end to the business of "raising the salaries" of local office-holders. The salary of that important functionary, the "Keeper of the City Hall," was yesterday raised to $3,750,—the Board of Councilmen having concurred in the resolution previously passed by the Board of Aldermen to that effect. The night before last, at the meeting of the Board of Education, the salary of the Superintendent of Buildings was increased to $5,000 per annum, to date from May 1, 1868. The Engineer's salary was increased from $3,000 to $4,000, and the Clerk's salary from $5,000 to $6,000 per year. We suppose all these salaries will be again raised next year, and again the year after. In ten years the Keeper of the City Hall will probably have $10,000 per annum, and his broomstick assistants $100 a week. The tax-payers, in the meantime, can "mind their own business."

The *Tribune's* London correspondent, who seems to have taken the control of English parties, and the general discipline of English public men into his especial keeping, turns his batteries with great vigor upon JOHN BRIGHT, for accepting an invitation to meet the American Minister at an assembly of the workingmen of London. He reminds us that "Mr. BRIGHT, though one of the truest friends of America is after all an Englishman," and that too much must not be expected from him. But he consoles himself and us by believing that "JOHN BRIGHT in his heart despises Mr. JOHNSON," and by predicting that he "will make no professions of respect for the American Minister at the Birmingham dinner or elsewhere." But he laments that "Mr. BRIGHT should for any purpose try to cover so great an offender with the hem of his shining mantle," but graciously adds "we will agree to forget it as soon as possible." Is not this carrying the matter to an absurd extreme? We don't think that any Englishman confers special honor on a Minister of the United States by attending a complimentary dinner, nor do we think we shall very soon consent to send anybody as Minister abroad, whom any English gentleman would be excused for declining to meet at dinner. THOMAS HUGHES, it seems, at first decided to go, in order to "make a radical speech,—such a one as Mr. JOHNSON has not yet heard in England,"—but finally decided not to go at all, which perhaps was wisest. We are to be consoled, it seems, by the assurance that "such genuine Radicals, as for instance Mr. G. J. HOLYOAKE will not be found in any movement to honor a recreant American." Mr. BRIGHT, it seems, is thrown overboard; he no longer passes for a "genuine Radical,"—but eats with recreant Republicans and sinners. What an interesting specimen of the political *genus*, a Radical Pharisee is, to be sure!

There was a narrow escape yesterday morning from another shocking disaster by a collision on the Fulton Ferry. It is certain that some means will have to be devised for securing the safety of the myriads who daily cross our ferries, and who are subjected to constantly increasing perils.

Mr. RICHARD H. DANA, of Massachusetts, who ran for Congress against Gen. BUTLER, removed for that purpose into the Essex District from Cambridge, just as BUTLER had previously moved into the district from Lowell. The Boston papers thought the Cambridge folks did a very sharp thing in depriving him of a vote there on the ground that he was running for Congress in another district. DANA, however, has turned the tables on them by suing the town of Cambridge for damages to the amount of $5,000 for removing his name from the voting list. We guess it will be found that he has the law on his side.

At the same time that the Board of Education, night before last, raised the salaries of three or four functionaries of the Board to four, five and six thousand dollars a year, they refused to entertain a proposition for a small increase in the compensation of the poorly-paid male and female teachers in the Evening Schools. Their economizing, is as mean and paltry as their expenditures are wasteful and shameful.

Mr. DALY'S right of property in the "railroad scene" in the plays of "Under the Gaslight" and "After Dark" was yesterday established by the decision of Judge BLATCHFORD, which will be found in our law reports. An injunction was issued restricting Messrs. JARRETT & PALMER from the performance of this scene in "After Dark," and it can only hereafter be witnessed in Mr. DALY'S own play. The opinion of Judge BLATCHFORD will be found very interesting, not only to playrights and theatrical managers, but to the general reader.

The Montgomery Guard of Boston, which was defeated in the competitive drill it held with the Webster Guard of this City last Summer, having failed to make arrangements for another contest with its victors, now claims the military championship of the United States. As a West Point officer, on the occasion alluded to, decided that the Boston men had lost from a want of conformity to "*Upton*," it is somewhat difficult to understand what has occurred since then to reverse his decision. While we are duly impressed with the *greatness* of Boston, we decline to acknowledge that it contains the best drilled company in the United States until the organization which claims this proud distinction shows further proof than we now have that it has fairly won the title.

It seems to us that the Senate proposition to create a *Department* of Indian Affairs, equal in rank to the War Department or Navy Department, and to put a new Secretary into the Cabinet to superintend it, is an extreme and unnecessary measure. The trouble has not been that the Indian question is too large to be handled by a Commissioner, but that it has been handled badly. Neither the number of the Indians, nor the peculiar importance of the question, demands a new Cabinet officer and a new portfolio. With as much, or more, reason, a Cabinet officer, and an entire Department, might be demanded, in place of a Commissioner, for the Internal Revenue. In fact, there is no limit to which the Cabinet would not be swelled by applying such a remedy to mere abuses of existing power.

We learn from Hawaii of the arrival there from this country of Gen. HARTWELL, who lately accepted the appointment of First Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Gen. HARTWELL is from Boston. He is a young man, but is possessed of legal abilities that qualify him to fill well his new position. He was a faithful and capable soldier during the war. The Americans are now more of a power than ever in the Sandwich Islands, and it looks as though they would soon wholly control the administration of affairs.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

Mr. THEODORE THOMAS resumed his admirable series of symphony *soirées* on Saturday evening, thereby inaugurating the fifth year of a very serious, and we fear not very remunerative, undertaking. Mr. THOMAS has fought his own battle bravely. He has made his name known as that of an energetic musician, and he has introduced many novelties of great importance to the musical community. Indeed, in this latter respect he has out-topped the Philharmonic Society, who are only now going over the ground which Mr. THOMAS has previously traversed.

The programme on Saturday night opened with an old-fashioned overture by CATEL, good in its way, and indicating the work of a prominent mind of the last generation. The style is no longer in vogue. CATEL'S overture has but one advantage. It is very short. Three motets by MOZART were sung by the members of the Mendelssohn Union, who were hardly represented in force. The female voices of the Union are excellent, but the male element is by no means striking. It requires both strength and balance. The motets are melodious, and were rendered creditably. So, also, was the 23d Psalm, by SCHUBERT, a singularly saccharine and tame production. It was given with female voices only and orchestra, as originally contemplated by the composer. An arrangement, it will be remembered, was recently sung by the Arion Society at its late concert, and we think the composition gains by the male element. Mr. FERDINAND VON INTEN played BEETHOVEN'S Concerto in G, opus 58, with much effect. The gentleman has a good touch, and is evidently a cultivated and conscientious artist. She played with clearness and intelligence, but lacks power. She was heartily applauded. The accompaniments by the orchestra were poorly rendered, and were almost invariably too late. The performances terminated with a spirited performance of SCHUMANN'S symphony No. 1 in B flat—a work which is too well known to need further comment. The second symphony *soirée* takes place on the 15th of January. We hope to see a better attendance, and trust, moreover, that Mr. THOMAS will see the necessity of rescinding the ridiculous order with which he has recently burdened the programme—namely, that the "doors be closed precisely at 8, and opened again after each movement." So long as there are variations in the weather, and uncertainties in travel, so long will it be impossible to be always punctual. There can be no punishment for a late comer, save the loss, perchance, of a portion of the music. All these regulations are interferences with the privileges of the public, who have a right to come when they like and leave when they like. Mrs. FANNY KEMBLE, with much better reason, tried this obsolete plan, and

FOREIGN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIPS CIMBRIA AND JAVA.

The steamship *Cimbria*, from Hamburg Dec. 2, and Southampton Dec. 4, and *Java*, from Liverpool Dec. 5, and Southampton Dec. 6, reached this port yesterday with three days' later news than was previously at hand. The most important portion of the recent intelligence is given below.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

John Bright at Birmingham.

At the banquet given Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON, at Birmingham on the evening of Dec. 2, after Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON had spoken, JOHN BRIGHT was called upon to respond for the House of Commons to the toast, "The Houses of Lords and Commons." An excellent summary of Mr. JOHNSON'S speech was printed in the TIMES of Tuesday. That of Mr. BRIGHT ran as follows:

SPEECH OF JOHN BRIGHT.

GENTLEMEN: As most of you know, it is a very short time since I was in Birmingham last, and I was then here for several days. I had no expectation of coming here again so soon; but I thought it was my duty, and it has certainly been very pleasant to come here on this auspicious occasion. The purpose of this meeting is a great and good one. We are assembled for the purpose of showing our respect to the representative of the Government of the United States, and I hope and believe, also, of sentiments of the people of that country with regard to its future relations with this kingdom. From what we have heard from this American Minister to-night, and what we have read in his speeches on other occasions, we are enabled to believe that certain difficulties which have in some minds worn a very formidable appearance—difficulties between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Queen—have been, or are in process of being, speedily removed. I have always been of opinion that the popular power in every country was the most forgiving, and generous, and magnanimous power, and I say that if the American Minister, who is the honored guest of the meeting to-night, fairly represents the opinion of his Government and of the people of the United States, *that people may be held to be as forgiving and magnanimous to some of their enemies in this country as they have shown themselves to be to the revels and foes of their own nation within their own borders.* Perhaps I may be forgiven if I forget for the moment the House of Commons. We have had so much of the House of Commons of late—and I am afraid we are going to have so much of it again very soon—that if I may be permitted to forget it for the moment, and to say a few words about something else, I shall be very glad. My honorable friend the member for North Warwickshire says "hear, hear," to that. He evidently dreads what is coming; but what I wished to say is this: I wished to put to you a question which I often put to myself in reference to this question. Why is it that there should be any difficulties between the people of the United States and the people of the United Kingdom? I think it has arisen very much from a jealousy which is unworthy of this people, and an unfriendliness in certain classes of our people which has been based upon an ignorance of the condition of the United States, and I fear, also, at equal ignorance of the true interests of this country. The questions which our distinguished guest has undertaken to attempt to settle, are questions which resolve themselves into two or three points. I will not say a word with regard to the naturalization question, for that is an old, antiquated—what shall I call it?—stupid question, which ought to have been got rid of fifty or sixty years ago at least; but I speak of the question of the recognition of the belligerent rights of the South, and the claim made on this country on account of the depredations of corsairs which sailed from the ports of England. I have often said—I have said it in Parliament, I have said it in your Town Hall, and I have said it a hundred times in private—that though we had a legal right to recognize the belligerent rights of the South, *we had no moral right to do it at the precise time, or in the precise manner in which it was done.* I have always said, and I maintain, that it was done at a time and in a manner which caused injury and unnecessary offence to the Government and people of the United States. If that had never been done there would have been no corsairs, because the Englishman would not have ventured to appear on the ocean, as a mere sailor or a fighting man on board a ship of war, if he knew that ship of war was not a legal ship of war. Therefore, if that recognition had not occurred there would have been no corsairs, and the extreme difficulties which we met would have been avoided. There is one other circumstance, and that is what happened at the time those unhappy envoys were taken from an English ship. I recollect speaking at the time the country was getting to somewhat of a fever heat on that subject. I said I thought the act of the American Captain was one very much in accordance with English precedent in past times, in that it was wholly contrary to all the principles which had been held before by the American Government. I added that it was a bad act, and that, in my opinion, it was an act neither ordered, sanctioned or planned in any way by the American Government. But what were the people of this country at a moment taught, and, I am sorry to say, taught by members of the Government, members of the Cabinet, and influential writers of the Press? They were taught not to wait for a single moment, but in mediately came to the conclusion that it was an act done by order of the American Government, and as insult offered by the American nation with the view of driving us into war. Nothing can be more absolutely insane than such an idea. It is a fair thing to suppose that the American Government, which at least is as moral as ours, had given instructions for this outrage to be committed, and to suppose that they intended it as an insult to the country, with the view of getting England to make war upon them at a time when they were involved in as desperate a struggle as any nation has ever been involved in? Such a proposition is too absurd for any man to believe that it ever was made. Now, what turned out? This, that the whole thing was an accident, that it was by accident that Commodore WILKES found out that these men were on board. The American Government knew no more of it at the time than our Government. The moment the American Government received the news they sent a dispatch to the American Minister in this country (Mr. ADAMS,) announcing that it was not an act which had been done by their orders, and added that they would consider, with the most friendly disposition toward the English Government, what was to be done. That dispatch was not only not published, but it was concealed, and the Press of the Government absolutely denied its existence, and the hot fever became hotter and hotter, until we were within a hair's breadth of a tremendous conflict, and all about stupid matter in which, if the Government had had the least patience, or the Press, which is the great public instructor, had had the least wisdom, we should have avoided all the difficulty. I happen to know, and I am quite sure that Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON will bear me out in this, that the very course taken by our Government at that time was that which made war almost inevitable, for instead of listening to anything that came from the United States, they treated it as an accident, instead of supporting the American Government as honorable as we were, the first thing that was done was to order 10,000 men and so many ships to be taken over to Halifax. Mr. President LINCOLN said, "It is obvious from all this that the Government of Great Britain intends to make war upon us, and perhaps it would be better to take the war upon this issue and upon the capture and restoration of these men, rather than give them up and afterward them some other excuse for making war upon us at some other period." There is no doubt that President LINCOLN, a man so opposed to war, so just, so true, and so magnanimous, was prevented for a time from consenting to the restoration of these men, because he believed, from the menacing attitude of the English Government, that we intended to make war upon them, and that they might as well have the issue upon that question as any other. I think I am not going beyond the truth when I say that *we owe the restoration of these men, and the immediate subsidence of any warlike feeling, to a man of long experience and great political wisdom*—Mr. Seward. Was it not a grand thing that the insult the dispatch we received here was published in the United States—the very moment it was known that President LINCOLN and the Cabinet had agreed to restore the men—the whole people of the United States without a murmur acquiesced in their decision? When there is such a Government and such a people, it cannot be difficult for any honest Government and well-minded people in any other part of the globe to preserve an honorable peace with them. I confess that I get sometimes very much out of patience upon this American question—less now than I did four or five years ago, because now I find, somehow or other, that people generally seem to hold the same opinion as I do. But four or five years ago I found myself very often in a minority on this matter. I go on the theory that we are not two nations and two people, but that they are our own flesh and blood; that they have got from this country our own freedom, although they may have put it in their own shape, and in some respects may have extended it; that they are not aliens at all; and I am not sure whether, if they are not now, they are about to be the great branch of the great race. I recollect once in your Town Hall stating some statistics with regard to America which really astonished me. I found that in fifteen years only—after the year 1846—more than two and a half millions of persons—men, women, and children—had removed from the United Kingdom to the United States, and I recollect stating—for the population of Birmingham was less then than it is now—that it was equal to the population of eight great cities of the magnitude of Birmingham, and that if we took the population of Glasgow and added to it that of Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Bristol and all the great towns of England, apart from the Metropolis, the would not be more than the number of persons who had emigrated to the United States in the fifteen years which followed the year 1846. Then, is there anybody to tell me that these are not our people, and that we are two nations in any sense hostile to each other? As one of their poets has said, speaking upon this subject:

> "For her tree latch-string never was drawn in
> Against the poorest child of Adam's kin."

The condition of these people in the United States is very much better than it was in their own country. They have been raised from a position of penury and suffering to one of comfort. We have heard to-night the people of the United States spoken of as foreigners, but I regard the United States, although free from our Government, as being still colonies of this country. The Americans partake of a great deal of the renown of this country in past ages, because their ancestors were our ancestors. Why should we not take some credit for the great things they are doing? They have sons men who have written what we read with great pleasure. FROUDE, BANCROFT and MOTLEY are historians, and in this day in England there are none superior to them. They have poets, too—BRYANT, one of the oldest and noblest; LONGFELLOW, WHITTIER and LOWELL. They have artists and painters, such as CHURCH and BIERSTADT; if you happen to see the landscapes of these men you will find very little in England to equal, and nothing to surpass them. They have also their sculptors—STORY and HIRAM POWERS, and they have, further, to whom reference has already been made this evening, their wonderful inventors. Every American I meet has a patent, and some of their inventions are of the greatest value. If I were to question a friend of mine I see opposite, who knows a good deal about the influential newspapers of this country, he would tell me that they are all printed by a machine of American invention. Need I point out that most blessed and admirable invention for saving the weary lives of women in all parts of the globe—the sewing-machine? They have done another thing—they have established schools everywhere, the doors of which are thrown open to every boy and girl throughout the whole country. In these schools they have not only taught their own people, but they have taught Europe also and the whole world the value and the necessity of instruction to the people of every free country. Now, I say if we owe all this to America, let us have a share in it. I resist altogether and reject the notion that we are two nations in that old barbarous sense which should make us rivals, and should make us think it possible—possible, mind—that war should arise between us. They share in the glories of our past history, and I am greedy enough to share in the glories of their present, and in the still greater glories of their future. We do not imagine that the Americans are another nation hostile to us. We have no jealousy of them. We are delighted at their progress in every way; we read of changes of their Ministries and of their party difficulties, and we rather like to see that they are getting on in the same kind of rough mode that we do here in political freedom. Canada, close alongside the United States, the same ocean between them and us, we never look upon as a different nation, and as having different interests from ourselves. I should like to know how it is, because GEORGE III. was very stupid, his ministers very criminal—I should like to know how it is, because instead of having Governors sometimes appointed from here, and sometimes by themselves, but still being subjects of the British Crown; that they now appoint their own President over 36,000,000 of people why we should not regard them as of our own race, as in all respects which bear upon the amities of the two peoples the same people as ourselves. What we have to do is this, to get rid of a certain foolish jealousy which we islanders have been taught to entertain with regard to almost every other people. We have continual rivalry in goodness, and I should like to have something like a community of glory and of kinship. Now, we are here in the very heart of England—the capital of the midland counties—but in some respects we are more than the capital of the midland counties, because there can be no doubt that the opinion of Birmingham has an influence upon a much wider area. Then let us here, if we can, originate or help on a new idea, which is, that the American people are the same people, and that every man, be he a Member of Parliament or a mere private citizen, or Minister of State, and every writer who endeavors to create jealousy between the two nations is an enemy, not only to those two nations, but is an enemy to the human race. I have nothing further to say but this, that I am very glad to be here to-night on this occasion. There may be those who think that the difficulties which have arisen are not so readily settled; but if there be an honest disposition to settle them on the part of the Government of the United States, I am sure there is such a disposition on the part of the Government here. I speak not of any particular party here, for I believe every party in this country is actuated by the same spirit with regard to the past; that all by-gones will be really by-gones, and that England and America, learning from the past, may avoid, as much as possible, all jealousy, and may keep a perpetual peace. I apologize to my friend Mr. AVERY for having said so little about the House of Commons. The House of Commons is new and unread. It has hitherto done nothing to entitle anybody to say anything complimentary about it, but I will leave all I have to say about that august assembly to the next time I am permitted to speak to my constituents.

Mr. NEWDEGATE, in proposing "The Mayor and Magistrates of the Town of Birmingham," took occasion to say that the Conservatives took as deep an interest in the prosperity of America, and were quite as fully alive to the importance of cultivating friendly relations with that country as any other political party.

The Mayor briefly responded, and the proceedings terminated.

BRITISH POLITICS.

The Resignation of the Conservative Government.

The London *Times* prints, by request of Mr. DISRAELI, the following circular:

If Parliament were sitting I should not have adopted this course; but as the public acts of a Ministry should not be misunderstood, and as there are no other means of explaining their motives, I have taken the liberty of thus addressing the Conservative members in both Houses of Parliament.

When Her Majesty's Government, in the Spring of this year, were placed in a minority in the House of Commons on the question of Disestablishing the Church in Ireland, they had to consider that the policy proposed had never been submitted to the country, and they believed that the country would not sanction it.

They therefore felt it their duty to advise Her Majesty to dissolve Parliament; but to make an appeal to the obsolete constituency would have been an absurdity, and the candid opinion of the country coincided with that of Parliament, that no course could be satisfactory unless the voices of the enlarged electoral body were ascertained. All means were, therefore, taken by the Ministry to expedite that appeal, and a special statute was passed for the purpose.

Although the general election has elicited, in the decision of numerous and vast constituencies, an expression or feeling which, in a remarkable degree, has justified their anticipations, and which, in dealing with the question in controversy, no wise statesman would disregard, it is now clear that the present Administration cannot expect to command the confidence of the newly-elected House of Commons.

Under these circumstances, Her Majesty's Ministers have felt it due to their own honor, and to the policy they support, not to retain office unnecessarily for a single day. They hold it to be more consistent with the attitude they have assumed, and with the convenience of public business at this season, as well as more conducive to the just influence of the Conservative Party, at once to tender the resignation of their offices to Her Majesty, rather than to wait for the assembling of a Parliament in which, in the present aspect of affairs, they are sensible that they must be in a minority.

In thus acting, Her Majesty's Government have seen no cause to modify those opinions upon which they deemed it their duty to found their counsel to the Sovereign on the question of the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church. They remain convinced that the proposition of Mr. GLADSTONE is wrong in principle, probably impracticable in conduct, and, if practicable, would be disastrous in its effects.

While ready at all times to give a fair consideration and willing aid to any plan for the improvement of the Church in Ireland, to the policy which they opposed last session, rife, as they believe it to be, with many calamities to society and the State, they will continue in whatever position they occupy, to offer an uncompromising resistance.

B. DISRAELI.

DOWNING-STREET, Dec. 2, 1868.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Dr. J. H. GIBBON, of Charlotte, N. C., died in Baltimore on Wednesday, aged seventy-four. He was the father of Gen. GIBBON, of the United States Army. Dr. GIBBON visited Baltimore for the purpose of delivering a course of lectures on "Antiquities of America," before the Maryland Institute, and had delivered but one.

RICHARD H. DANA, Jr., has brought suit, laying damages at $5,000, against the Mayor and Aldermen of Cambridge for striking his name off the registry list, and thereby depriving him of his vote at the last election.

WILLIAM MCMAHON, a printer in Louisville, Ky., is reported as having fallen heir to £8,000, sterling bequeathed by an English relative.

Mr. George William Curtis will, this evening, repeat his lecture on "Political Morality" at the Cooper Institute.

The prominent arrivals at the principal hotels in the City yesterday were as follows: Mr. Bille, of the Russian Legation, and R. Hazard, Esq., of Rhode Island, are at the Brevoort House. Ex-Gov. William Dennison, of Ohio; Ex-Mayor D. Saunders, Jr., of Lawrence, Mass.; Hon. James Scovel, of Camden, and Hon. E. P. Ross, of Auburn, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Lieut-Commander Chas. W. Tracy, of the U. S. Navy; Paymaster J. S. Giraud, of the U. S. Navy; Hon. W. J. Kelsey, of Goshen; Hon. John Simpson, of Bowmansville, and W. E. Hale, of San Francisco, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Wendell Phillips, of Boston, and James Redpath, Esq., of Boston, are at the St. Denis Hotel. Hon. J. C. Dunbar, of Connecticut, is at the Albemarle Hotel. Hon. J. P. Hale, of New-Hampshire, is at the St. Charles Hotel.

Senator Eugene Casserly, of California, is at the Westminster Hotel, not at the Worcester, as before printed.

BRIEF NOTES.

The first free concert in Boston is to be given at the Music Hall to-night. It will consist of music on the Big Organ.

It is said that the assets of a bankrupt in New-Hampshire are $25,000 in Confederate bonds and one share in a Portland manufacturing company.

Sixty-seven female teachers in Cincinnati have petitioned for the same salary as is paid men in like positions. They say that they have found in paying board bills that no deduction is made on account of their sex.

Gen. ROUSSEAU has bought a plantation near Brashear City, La., and intends to raise cane.

The Jews in Macon, Ga., are about to build a Temple.

Gen. JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON has decided to make Savannah, Ga., his permanent residence.

The chess players of Michigan are to meet in convention in Jackson on the 19th of January, to form a State organization and to play for the championship.

Hon. WILLIAM BARNEY, of Nantucket, Mass., who had been apparently improving slowly from a severe illness, was conversing with his physician on the 6th inst., and after remarking that he knew his death would be sudden, continued, "I don't know but I am going now," and instantly expired.

Gen. GRANT'S majority in West Virginia was nearly 9,000, which will answer for what was strenuously claimed as a Democratic State.

Florida will elect a Congressman on the 29th inst. Hon. O. M. HAMILTON has been renominated by the Republicans. Gen. WILLIAM D. BANNER is the Democratic candidate.

President HORATIO SEYMOUR announces that the fourth annual meeting of the American Dairymen's Association will be held in Utica on the 13th and 14th of January. "Cooling milk before cheese is made therefrom—has it received its due attention?" is the leading subject announced for the consideration of the Association.

Hon ICHABOD WASHBURN, of Worcester, Mass., offers that city $30,000 and a lot of land valued at $40,000, if it will erect a hospital for soldiers and their families chiefly, although the poor of the city are not to be excluded.

Early Voyages of the Northmen to America—Lecture Before the Geographical and Statistical Society—Paper by Rev. B. F. De Costa.

The usual monthly meeting of the American Geographical and Statistical Society was held last evening at their rooms, Cooper Institute, Hon. CHARLES P. DALY in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were submitted by the Recording Secretary, and approved. Reports were read from the Treasurer exhibiting a cash balance of $503 21. The report of the Special Committee on the death of M. DE LA ROQUETTE was read by the Chairman, Mr. WILLIAM E. CURTIS. It was expressive of the deep appreciation of the literary and scientific labors of the late lamented gentleman.

The President then introduced to the audience Rev. B. F. DE COSTA, who read a very interesting paper upon the early voyages of the Northmen to America. The lecturer began by explaining that the Northmen were an Asiatic race that settled in Denmark, overran Norway and Sweden, and afterward, in the year 875, colonized Iceland. Near the close of the tenth century, the Icelanders, led by ERIC the Red, pushed westward and colonized Greenland, where the colony existed until near the beginning of the fifteenth century, and where a line of no less than seventeen Bishops presided over the church which was established. The last Bishop was ANDREAS, who, in the Cathedral Church at Gardo, on the west coast of Greenland, celebrated the marriage of a couple from whom the learned Finn, MAGNUSSENN, took his descent. While the Icelanders were in Greenland, they made expeditions far into the North. In 1824 PARRY found a monument that was erected by them in latitude 73 degrees, in the year 1135. In 1266 another expedition reached the latitude of 76 degrees, which was as far as PARRY went in 1827. After speaking of their explorations in the North, the lecturer remarked upon the inconsistency of supposing that these adventurous people made no efforts to reach the country southward. Before speaking of their voyages to New-England, the lecturer briefly noticed certain objections which have been made to the history of these voyages. The first was that the Sagas, or histories, contain a few statements of a supernatural character. This was frankly admitted, and, to meet the objection, cases of the supernatural were cited from New-England history showing that in this respect the Icelandic writers were less superstitious than such men as Rev. COTTON MATHER, who set out the history of his times in such a supernatural guise. These marks of the supernatural, the lecturer claimed, were to be expected in the eleventh century as much as in the days of the New-England fathers. Another objection was that the productions that the Northmen found do not agree with those actually found to-day. The speaker first showed that the objection was founded on a false interpretation of the Sagas, and then spoke of the incorrect accounts often given by modern travelers, speaking particularly of POPHAM'S Colony in Maine, where it was reported by POPHAM himself that cinnamon and nutmegs were found there. After showing that the Icelandic narratives possess no faults that are not found in modern histories, Mr. DE COSTA proceeded to speak of the voyages of the Northmen to New-England, which they called Vinland, on account of the quantity of vines that they found growing wild. The existence of land south of Vinland was first made known by one BJERNE, who, in 986, sailing from Iceland to Greenland, was driven southward upon the American coast. This encouraged LEIF, son of ERIC the Red, to go in search of the new land. He sailed in the year 1000, and passed down the American coast as far as the latitude of Rhode Island, where, in the region of Mount Hope Bay, he spent the Winter, returning to Greenland in the Spring. In 1002 his brother THORVALD made the same voyage, but lost his life in a conflict with the natives. The most distinguished explorer was KARLSEFNE, who sailed to Vinland in 1007 with three ships and 160 men. He spent three years in the vicinity of Mount Hope, in Rhode Island. One very interesting confirmation of the truth of the Icelandic narratives which gave an account of the voyages, is found in connection with that island, which the Icelanders mention as then existing in the ocean East of Iceland. This island is also referred to in GOSNOLD'S voyage, and its non-appearance now has led some to discredit GOSNOLD'S account. But recent explorations by Prof. AGAZZIS, and others, have demonstrated its existence by geological evidence. The result of these explorations was illustrated by a map drawn for the purpose, which makes it clear that the Northmen visited the coast of Massachusetts, and that they have described its appearance as that early time in their narratives which bear every mark of truth. But after all, the speaker said, he was willing to rest the whole question upon this point: Do the manuscripts which describe these voyages belong to the pre-Columbian age? Of this there was no question. The manuscripts, in their present form, were in existence an entire century before the voyage of COLUMBUS. Yet he would by no means detract aught from the glory of the later and yet independent discovery of the Genoese navigator. Still less would he apologize for the Northmen, or cry "place for the Northmen." They could win their own place. To-day they were as strong in ideas as anciently in arms. Their importance as navigators and discoverers could not be gainsaid, while we do not begin to comprehend the literary debt we owe this people, who were the first of modern European to cultivate good prose. With an exhortation to a generous appreciation of the Northmen, the lecturer came to a close.

Death of a Valuable Horse.

The celebrated "Auburn horse," owned by Mr. BONNER, died on Wednesday evening of spasmodic colic. He had been subject to attacks of this complaint for a year or two. This is the first valuable horse that Mr. BONNER has lost in ten years. At one time the "Auburn" was considered the fastest horse in the country, but Mr. BONNER owns three—*Dexter, Pocahontas* and *Fecriess*—that have proved superior to him. He also owns another horse that he has never had in his stable yet, because he had no room for him. We refer to the famous young horse *Bruno*, which, with his mate, made a wonderful performance in double harness a year ago. When Mr. BONNER was up in Suffolk County, last Fall, he saw this horse trot a mile in remarkably fast time on Mr. BURR'S private training grounds, and at once bought him. He will now take the place of the "Auburn" horse.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.—Persons desirous of obtaining the benefit of the Bankrupt law must apply before the 1st day of January, 1869, as the fifty per cent. clause takes effect on that day as to voluntary applications.

Scarcely any invention of merit is ever allowed to win its place in the public estimation without having to make a hard fight against that band of imitators who, seeming to subsist on others' brains, no sooner learn of a good thing than they start something under the same or a closely similar name, in hopes of deceiving the purchaser. We notice this to be the case with the popular article of Desiccated Codfish, the manufacturers of which in Philadelphia have been obliged to take out an injunction against parties in New-York for the fraudulent use of their title.—*Philadelphia North American.*

Mr. DE CORDOVA will, by special request, repeat his new humorous lecture, "The Spratts at Saratoga," at Steinway Hall, this (Friday) evening. The entire proceeds will be given to the "Midnight Mission." All persons interested in this noble charity are invited to attend, and thus contribute to its funds, and at the same time enjoy a rare treat. Tickets 50 cents and $1. See "Amusements."—*Advertisement.*

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BROOKS—HIGGINS.—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, 1868, at Trinity Chapel, by Rev. Morgan Dix, Mr. HENRY MORTIMER BROOKS to JOSEPHINE, eldest daughter of Miss S. Higgins, all of this City.

HUMPHREYS—BARNES.—On Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Christ's Church, Springfield, by Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, Bishop of Massachusetts, assisted by Rev. George H. McKnight, Rector, GEORGE H. HUMPHREYS, M. D., of New-York, to EMILY, daughter of Gen. James Barnes, of Springfield, Mass.

PHELPS—SWARTWOUT.—At Troy, N. Y., on Tuesday, Dec. 15, by Rev. Dr. Vincent, ISAAC N. PHELPS, of this City, to ANNA F. MAULLIN, daughter of Henry Swartwout, of Troy.

VARIAN—TYRREL.—In Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, by Bishop McCloskey, J. MARSDEN VARIAN, Jr., of New-York, to M. EMMA TYRREL, only daughter of Hon. A. W. Tyrrel, of Detroit.

WEBB—MORE.—On Tuesday, Dec. 15, by Rev. H. D. Ganse, EDWARD D. WEBB to AGGIE E. MORE.

DIED.

BENNETT.—On Wednesday, Dec. 16, MARTIN BENNETT, aged 54 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 128 South 9th-st., Brooklyn, E. D., this day, (Friday,) the 18th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

CARR.—On Wednesday, Dec. 16, MARGARET CARR, aged 47 years.

Her relatives and friends, also the members of Allen-st. Church, and the Managers of the Ladies' Union Aid Society, are invited to attend her funeral from their institution, 42d-st., near 8th-av., this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CAMPBELL.—On Wednesday, Dec. 16, JAMES CAMPBELL, printer, aged 33 years.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 250 East 32d-st., on Friday, Dec. 18, at 10 o'clock A. M.

CUMMINGS.—Suddenly, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, ISAAC CUMMINGS, M. D., late House Physician Demilt Dispensary, in the 37th year of his age.

His remains have been taken to Westminster, Mass., for interment.

☞ Boston papers please copy.

CHILD.—On Thursday, Dec. 17, CHARLES CHILD, formerly Captain Company G, Ninth Regiment New-York Volunteers.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

CLOSE.—At North Salem, Westchester County, on Friday, Dec. 11, EBENEZER CLOSE, in the 79th year of his age.

DOW.—On Thursday, Dec. 17, at the residence of W. L. Northam, Esq., Elizabeth, N. J., in the 85th year of his age, BENJAMIN DOW.

Relatives and friends are invited to meet the funeral at the foot of Liberty-st., at 11½ A. M. on Saturday, the 19th inst. The remains will be taken for interment to Green-Wood Cemetery.

FERRIS.—At Flushing, L. I., on Thursday, Dec. 17, MARY ELIZABETH, wife of Rev. J. M. Ferris, D. D., in the 45th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral services at the Reformed Dutch Church of Flatbush, on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

GERARD.—On Wednesday, Dec. 16, MARY, relict of William Gerard, aged 75 years and 3 months.

Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Charles C. Lewis, No. 152 West 47th-st., this (Friday) evening at 7½ o'clock. The friends of the family, and of her son, George W. Gerard, also those of her sons-in-law, Gabriel Kent and S. A. Seymour, are respectfully invited to attend. The remains will be interred in the family plot at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, Saturday morning.

HARPER.—On Thursday, Dec. 17, ANN HARPER, aged 82 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, William Cuttbert, No. 286 Clermont-av., Brooklyn, on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 2½ o'clock.

KASMIRE.—Suddenly, on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1868, OLIVER WHITE, only child of George E. and Mary Beebe Kasmire, aged 4 months and 27 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from No. 38 Perry-st., on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'c ock.

NEWLIN.—At Fishkill, on the Hudson, N. Y., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, MARY, second daughter of the late Robert Newlin, of Fishkill.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 12 o'clock, from the residence of her brother-in-law, W. S. Verplanck, Esq.

PACKER.—In Brooklyn, suddenly, on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1868, LAWRENCE, youngest son of Louis D. and Jessie L. Packer.

The remains will be taken to New-London, Conn., for interment.

PULIS.—In Jersey City, on Thursday morning, Dec. 17, after a short illness, HENRY FRANCIS, the son of David and Elizabeth Pulis, aged 3 years, 3 months and 5 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Saturday morning, Dec. 19, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 227 Provost-st., near North 3d-st.

STEARNS.—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, SARAH B. SANDS, relict of Rev. Wm. M. Stilwell, in her 82d year.

Funeral on Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M., from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Haff, Vanderbilt-av., third door from Gates-av., Brooklyn.

STARR.—At New-Canaan, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, MARY A., wife of N. W. Starr, daughter of the late B. F. Hunnford, of Newport, R. I.

Funeral services at 2 o'clock P. M. on Friday, the 18th inst., at New-Canaan. Her remains will be taken to Yonkers on Saturday morning, 19th inst.

TOBITT.—On Thursday, Dec. 17, of rapid consumption, FRANKLIN B. TOBITT, in the 22d year of his age.

Funeral from No. 33 McKibbin-st., Williamsburg, on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 2 o'clock.

VALK.—At Flushing, L. I., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, JACOB B. VALK, aged 87 years.

His friends are invited to attend his funeral this day, (Friday,) at St. George's Church, Flushing, at 1 o'clock P. M. The Flushing Railroad cars leave Hunter's Point at 12 o'clock.

WAKEMAN.—At S. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday, Dec. 15, HENRY J. WAKEMAN, of Southport, Conn.

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OFFICE OF THE ASHBURTON COAL COMPANY, }
NO. 43 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1868. }

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ASHBURTON COAL COMPANY: You will please take notice that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Ashburton Coal Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 43 Pine-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, the 29th day of December, 1868, at 3 o'clock P. M., to take such action as may be required in respect to the foreclosure of the mortgages executed by the Company, and to determine what course shall be pursued in regard to the purchase at foreclosure of the Company's lot at tax sales. Also, to take such action as may be advisable in regard to a lease of the mining works of the Company.

LOUIS J. BELLONI, Jr.,
D. J. SPRAGUE,
JOHN T. ROLLINS,
A majority of Directors.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., }
NO. 27 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868. }

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st instant, preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year, prior to the last of January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for losses of premiums, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.

CHAPMAN H. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, }
OF CALIFORNIA, No. 54 WILLIAM-ST., }
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE SIX PER CENT. BONDS OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, due Jan. 1, 1869, will be paid in FULL, in GOLD COIN, on presentation, thereafter at the Banking-house of Messrs. FISK & HATCH, No. 5 Nassau-st., New-York City.

Schedules of 20 or more Coupons will be received for examination, &c., on and after the 30th inst.

C. P. HUNTINGTON
Vice-President C. P. R. R. Co.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
NO. 25 BROAD-ST., CORNER EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking-house, No. 25 Broad-st., corner Exchange-place, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-room on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1869. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

W. S. MEEKER, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, Broadway and Chambers-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

THE URANIAN NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-room on TUESDAY, 12th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

O. H. SCHEMERHORN, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held, at the banking-house, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

FIFTY SHARES OXFORD IRON COMPANY, 3,000 shares Central Petroleum Company, 200 shares Steel Coal Company, for sale at the office of CHAS. BROTHERS, 79 Broadway.

FINANCIAL.

BANKING HOUSE OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co.
25 Nassau St
CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

DEPOSITS received subject to check at sight, and interest allowed as the rate of FOUR per cent. per annum.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT issued, bearing interest, payable on demand, or after fixed dates.

COLLECTIONS made on all points in the United States, Canada and Europe. Dividends and Coupons also collected, and all most promptly accounted for.

ORDERS promptly executed for the purchase and sale of Gold; also, Government and other Securities.

LOANS negotiated.

BANKING HOUSE OF
HENRY CLEWS & Co.
NO. 32 WALL-ST.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DAILY BALANCES OF CURRENCY OR GOLD.

Persons depositing with us can check at sight, in same manner as with National Banks.

Advances made on approved collaterals.

Certificates of deposit issued bearing interest.

Collections made everywhere and loans negotiated.

We buy and sell at current market rate all issues of GOVERNMENT BONDS, and execute orders for the purchase and sale of GOLD and all first-class securities for the usual commission.

THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY.
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 336 BROADWAY.
CAPITAL,
ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
CHARTERED BY THE STATE.

DARIUS R. MANGAM, President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.
RECEIVES DEPOSITS AND ALLOWS
FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST
ON DAILY BALANCES,
SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.
SPECIAL DEPOSIT or six Months, or more, may be made at five per cent.

The Capital of ONE MILLION DOLLARS is divided among over 800 Shareholders, comprising many gentlemen of large wealth and financial experience, who are also personally liable to depositors for all obligations of the Company to double the amount of their capital stock. As THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY receives deposits in large or small amounts, and permits them to be drawn as a whole or in part by CHECK AT SIGHT and WITHOUT NOTICE, allowing interest on ALL DAILY BALANCES, parties can keep accounts in this Institution with special advantages of security, convenience and profit.

SMITH, RANDOLPH & Co
BANKERS PHILA. & N. YORK
No. 3 Nassau-st.,
Dealers in U. S. Bonds, Members of Stock and Gold Exchanges,
issue Bills of Exchange on
C. J. HAMBRO & SON, London,
B. METZLER S. SOHN & CO., Frankfort;
JAMES W. TUCKER & CO., Paris,
and Letters of Credit available throughout Europe.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 27 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.
ISSUE LETTERS OF CREDIT for Traveler's use available in all parts of the world.
GOVERNMENT BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES bough tand sold at the Stock Exchange on usual commission.
Interest allowed on deposits.

MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY COMPANY.—The transfer books of said Company will be closed from Dec. 31, 1868, 2 P. M., until Jan. 11, 1869, 10 A. M., for the purposes set forth in the circular dated Nov. 2d, 1868, issued by the Company to their stockholders. By order of the Directors.
JAMES M. MCKINLAY, Ass't Secretary.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK.—The annual election for fifteen Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 682 Broadway, New-York, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869. Polls open from 2 to 3 o'clock P. M.

Z. E. NEWELL, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

NATIONAL TRUST CO.
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

No. 336 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, }
Dec. 12, 1868. }

DIVIDEND.

The Board of Trustees of this Company have declared a dividend of Four per cent., free of Government tax, out of the earnings for the past six months, payable on and after the first Monday in January next.

Transfer Books closed Dec. 20, and opened Jan. 5, 1869.

JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

OFFICE HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD CO., }
HARTFORD, Dec. 17, 1868. }

NOTICE.

A quarterly dividend of Three Dollars, free of Government tax, has been declared on each share of stock standing on the books the 26th day of December inst., by the Board of Directors of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1869.

Stockholders in New-York will receive their dividend at the Union National Bank.

The transfer-books will be closed from the 26th day of December to the 2d day of January, both inclusive.

S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

DIVIDEND AND EXTRA DIVIDEND.

THE INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF MERCHANTS' CLERKS, No. 20 Union-place, has declared its usual semi-annual dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum on sums not exceeding $500, and its profits, on larger sums, and has also declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND of three per cent. on deposits not exceeding $1,000 undisturbed for three years prior to Jan. 1, 1868, two per cent. on similar deposits undisturbed for two years, and one per cent. on similar deposits undisturbed for one year; these dividends are payable or credited on and after Monday, Jan. 18, 1869.

MOSES H. GRINNELL, President.
ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.

DRY DOCK SAVINGS BANK.
Nos. 341 and 343 East 4th-st.

On the 1st of January, 1869, and as a dividend of two per cent. for six months, and one per cent. for three months, will be paid to depositors entitled thereto.

ANDREW MILLS, President.
JAMES L. STEWART, Secretary.
NOV. 1, 1868.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, }
PITTSBURG, Dec. 15, 1868. }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend (No. 20) of 2½ per cent., free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1868, and semi-annual interest of 3½ per cent., less Government tax, on the third mortgage bonds, payable on and after Monday, the 19th day of January, 1869, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 27 Pine-st., to those registered in New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburg. The transfer books will close on SATURDAY, 26th inst., at 2 P. M., and reopen TUESDAY, the 20th of January, 1869, at 10 A. M.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY }
CO., No. 52 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1868. }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of five (5) per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Company, free of Government tax, payable on and after the 25th day of December next, to the stockholders, as shown by the books of the Company, on the 8th day of December next.

The Transfer Books of the Preferred and Common Stocks will be closed on SATURDAY, the 5th day of December next, and reopened on SATURDAY, the 26th day of December next.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO }
RAILROAD COMPANY, }
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1868. }

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4½) Per Cent.—free from United States Government tax—will be paid to the stockholders of this Company, or to their legal representatives, on the 1st day of January next, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company in the City of New-York.

The transfer-books will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M. of Saturday, 19th December instant, and reopened on the morning of Monday, 4th January, 1869.

WM. F. STAUNTON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY, }
TREASURER'S OFFICE, CORNER OF 27TH-ST. AND }
FOURTH-AVE., NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868. }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of Four Per Cent. on the preferred and common stock, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d day of January next, at this office.

The transfer books will be closed at 2 P. M. Dec. 23, 1868, and opened at 10 A. M. on the 4th day of January next.

C. VANDERBILT, Jr., Treasurer.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, }
No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST., }
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868. }

THE UNION TRUST COMPANY OF New-York have declared a dividend of four per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 3d day of January next.

The transfer books will be closed on the 26th inst. and reopened on the morning of Jan. 4 next.

C. T. CARLTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE CO., }
NO. 11 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1868. }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared the usual SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 4, 1869.

JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

AUCTION SALES.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY OF ELEGANT DIAMOND JEWELRY, STERLING AND SILVER-PLATED WARE, FANCY GOODS, &c. BY ORDERS OF J. FORNACHON, ASSIGNEE.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Dec. 15, at 10½ o'clock, and every day following until the entire stock is disposed of, at No. 286 Pearl-st., and Nos. 34, 36 and 38 Fulton-st., under the United States Hotel, the entire stock together with the fixtures, contained in the above store, by order of Assignee, in which stock will be found:

ELEGANT DIAMOND JEWELRY—Consisting of cluster and single stone diamond rings, brooches, ear-rings, scarf pins, &c. Also, coral, full and half sets; gents' seal rings, beautiful cut cameos, sleeve buttons, studs, scarf pins, gold and silver watches, made by the most celebrated makers; gold guard and vest chains, ladies' gold watches, enameled and set with diamonds.

ELEGANT STERLING SILVER AND PLATED WARE—Consisting in part of tea and tete-a-tete sets; solid silver-handle dinner, dessert and tea knives, forks, spoons, pickle forks, silver ladles, silver tobacco and snuff-boxes, fruit knives, various sized salvers, ice-pitchers, &c.

CUTLERY—Comprising the finest description, consisting of dinner, dessert and tea knives, cheese scoops, carvers and steels, and other articles in the cutlery line.

Also, all the fixtures of said establishment, consisting of two large Meiers' safes, silver-plated French plate glass, show-cases, scales and weights, counters, &c. Also, the lease, expiring on the first of May, 1870, which will be sold on the last day of the sale.

The stock is all in good condition, very extensive, and will be sold without reserve. By order of
J. FORNACHON, Assignee.

LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & Co., Auctioneers.

CLINTON HALL LIBRARIES AND CART GALLERIES.—FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 18, at 7 o'clock, a valuable private library, comprising a choice selection of books in various departments of literature. Also a number of scarce French works. Catalogues ready and books on exhibition.

SUPERB BOOKS.

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, AT 7 O'CLOCK.

The most superb and choice collection of books ever offered for sale by auction in this City, specially adapted for holiday gifts, and embracing the choicest modern literature, illustrated and standard works: the popular authors of the day; the various editions in costly bindings, among them may be mentioned: Musée Royal, 2 vols. folio, red morocco; Gallery of Britain's Royal Gallery of British Art, proofs, folio, full morocco; The Queen's Bible, a most superb book, 2 vols, folio, full Turkey morocco, published at $75; Warner's Masterpieces of Art, 3 vols. folio, full morocco, gilt; Hogarth's Works, folio, half morocco, gilt; Irving's Works, 28 vols. large paper, elegantly bound in full Turkey morocco, by Matthews, Waverley Novels, Abbotsford Edition, 12 vols. full calf, gilt; Doré's Illustrated Bible, 2 vols. folio; Dresden, Munich, Vienna and Berlin Galleries, full, extra morocco; Dusseldorf Gallery, folio, morocco, gilt; Cooper's Vignettes, 4to, elegantly bound in morocco; Finden's Beauties of Moore, 4to, full morocco; Selected Pictures of British Artists, 2 vols. folio, morocco, published at $150; Waverley Novels, 25 vols. 8vo, full red morocco, gilt edges; Clans of Scotland, colored plates, folio, half red morocco; Strutt's Regal Antiquities, colored plates, 4to, half morocco; Nicholas Orders of Knighthood, colored plates, 4 vols. 4to, half morocco; Doré's Illustrated Works; Irving's Works, 20 vols., bound in full morocco; Maitness, large paper edition, now very scarce, Irving's Works, 25 vols.; Sumner's Edition, full levant morocco; also, the Works of Dickens, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Tennyson, De Quincy, Mrs. Jameson, Emerson, Whittier, Lowell, Bayard Taylor, Gail Hamilton, Dana, Ruffians, Dorcas, Simms, Poe, Lamb, &c., all in fine and costly bindings. New and fresh stock.

Catalogues ready and books on exhibition, day and evening.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

LARGE TRADE SALE OF NEW CARRIAGES and sleighs of the finest City and other makers, to be sold at auction by EDWARD SCHENCK, at the Armory, in 14th-st., near 6th-av.,
THIS DAY, Dec. 18,
at 9½ o'clock A. M., each day, and continuing until 12 o'clock, and recommencing every evening at 7½ o'clock, until the stock is disposed of.

The sale will comprise about 200 vehicles,

CLARENCES,	LANDAUS,
COACHES,	PHAETONS,
DOG CARTS,	BAROUCHES,
COUPES.	WAGONS,

SLEIGHS.

The above is the first and largest sale of first-class carriages ever sold in this City, and the attention of all purchasers is respectfully requested. Sale absolute.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY T. R. MINTURN, BROWN & CO.—This day, FRIDAY, Dec. 18, at 11 o'clock, within their store:

200 boxes Valencia Raisins.
2,500 packages Malaga Raisins.
66 cases prime new crop Smyrna Figs.
3,300 drums new crop Smyrna Figs.
10 bags Sicily soft shell Almonds.
111 cercons Mogador Shelled Almonds.
7 barrels French Capers.
50 boxes Turkish Prunes.
14 cases Citron.
60 bags Naples Walnuts, stained.
40 boxes Messina Oranges.

H. D. MINER & BARKER, Auctioneers, 845 Broadway.

ARTISTS' FUND SOCIETY SALE OF OIL PICTURES.—The pictures and models in terra-cotta, contributed by the members of the Artists' Fund Society, comprising upwards of eighty pictures, &c., produced by the Artists' members within the last year, and being of a size suitable for parlors and galleries, will be sold at public auction by H. D. MINER, Esq., on THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 24, at 7½ o'clock. Catalogues can be obtained at the Gallery, No. 845 Broadway, where the pictures are now on exhibition free.

GEORGE COCK, Auctioneer.

GENTEEL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, DESKS AND OFFICE FURNITURE.—THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock at 13 Liberty-st., a large lot of fine furniture, removed for convenience of sale, including parlor, chamber, nursery and dining-room furniture on suite, lady's cabinets, office desks, tables, &c. Also, three superior pianos.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EAST NEWARK LOTS.—THE ADJOURNED sale of the "Ogden tract" will be concluded at the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, on TUESDAY, Dec. 22 at 12 o'clock. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT under and by virtue of a certain instrument of indenture, dated the sixth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, made and entered into between EDWARD K. COLLINS, JAMES BROWN, CORNELIA A. HIGGS, WILLIAM H. ROSE and STEWART BROWN, of the first part; PROSPER M. WETMORE, of the second part, and the United States of America, by JOHN Y. MASON, Secretary of the Navy of the United States, of the third part, and for the purpose of obtaining repayment of the sum of one hundred and fifteen thousand and five hundred dollars, being the outstanding balance of a larger sum, now due, unpaid and unrefunded to the United States, with interest thereon from the twentieth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, will on the first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, at 12 o'clock at noon, sell at the Merchants' Exchange, at the City of New-York, at public auction, for cash, the steamship *Atlantic*, her tackle, apparel, &c.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, April 19, 1858.

The above sale having been postponed from time to time to this date, it is hereby again postponed until THURSDAY, October 20, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, at twelve o'clock at noon.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, May 31, 1864.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, November thirty, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, October 20, 1864.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, January twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, November 30, 1864.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, March twenty-three, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, January 28, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, April twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, March 23, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, May twenty-four, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, April 26, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, June twenty-eight, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, May 24, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, August twenty-three, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, June 28, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, October fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, at same time and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, July 20, 1868.

The above sale is postponed to THURSDAY, January twenty-one, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. WETMORE, Trustee.
NEW-YORK, Oct. 15, 1868.

DRY GOODS.

R. H. MACY!
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

We have now on hand an unusually choice and varied assortment of

FANCY DRY GOODS,
LACES, EMBROIDERIES and HANDKERCHIEFS,
RIBBONS and FLOWERS,
TRIMMINGS and SMALL WARES,
HOSIERY and WHITE GOODS,
PERFUMERY and JEWELRY.

In selecting the above stocks, special reference has been made to the Holidays, and a great assortment of articles will be found suitable for presents, such as Neckties, Bows, Sashes, Embroidered and Initial Handkerchiefs, Real Lace Trimmed Hdkfs., Gents', Ladies' Misses' and Lads' Hdkfs., of every variety, put up in boxes, expressly for Christmas Gifts. All kinds of Lace Valls, Coiffures and Barnes, Real Lace and Embroidered Collars and Sets, Real Thread and Llama Shawls, Real Camel's Hair and Cashmere Scarfs, fine Cloth Gloves, Alexandre's Kid Gloves, Tidies, Doilies, Table and Piano Covers, Fancy Skirts, Baskets, What-nots, Carved Brackets, &c.; Pocket-books, Card-cases, Fans, Leather and Fancy Bags, Reticules, Spool Cotton and Silk in boxes for gifts, Scissor Cases, Silver Thimbles, Worsted Slipper and Cushion Patterns, Jet, Gilt and Steel Sets of Jewelry, Perfumery, Lubin's Extracts, Brushes, Combs, Dressing Cases.

TOILET SETS.

TOILET BOXES, MIRRORS, &c.

IN ADDITION to the above magnificent assortment of our regular stocks, we have imported a fine line of French, German and Vienna Fancy Goods, Gilt Ornaments, Jewel Stands, Inlaid and Carved Writing Desks, with Hdkf., Glove and Jewel Boxes to match, Silk, Satin and Rosewood Hdkf. and Glove Boxes, Perfumery Cases, Vases and Mantel Ornaments, in spendid variety; French Marble, Gilt and Alabaster Clocks, Real Bronze Statuettes and Groups, Parian Busts and Figures, Card Stands, Bisque Ornaments, Fancy Work Boxes, and our usual Christmas Stock of Dolls and Toys of every description.

In addition to the above, we have recently opened a Silver Ware and Clock Department, and we design to exhibit for the Holidays a splendid line of these gooods, comprising the choicest patterns in triple-plated ware, from the best manufacturers. Tea Sets, Tete-a-tete Sets, Trays, Syrup Cups, Spoon Holders, Castors, Cake Baskets, Pitchers, Gobiets, Bouquet Stands, Toilet Stands, Wine Stands, Pickle Jars, Celery Jars, Butter Dishes, Cream and Sugar Bowls, Butter Knives, and all sizes of Knives, Forks and Spoons, all of which we will guarantee to be of the best quality.

Also, in solid silver ware of the celebrated Gorham manufacture, Sets of Knives, Forks, Spoons, Napkin Rings, Sugar Tongs, &c., put in handsome cases, specially for Holiday Gifts.

All these goods herein advertised will be sold at our usual popular prices.

R. H. MACY,
6TH-ST. and 6TH-AV.
Nos. 204 and 206 6TH-AV.
No. 62 WEST 14TH-ST.

MILLER & GRANT,
NO. 703 BROADWAY,
Are offering before removal to their new premises,
RICH LACE GOODS,
COMPRISING
Black Thread Points,
Point Aguille Sets,
Black Thread Capes,
Point Aguille Collars,
and a large variety of other rich goods suitable for HOLIDAY PRESENTS
AT A
GREAT REDUCTION.

BARGAINS
in HATS, CAPS, FURS, &c. In consequence of anticipated removal from the old stand, No. 409 Broadway, to the new store, No. 19 Union-square, I have determined upon closing out my large and valuable stock, consisting of Gents' Dress and Business Hats, Boys' and Youths' Hats and Caps, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hats,
Ladies', Gents' and Children's
FURS,
HOODS, GLOVES, GAUNTLETS,
SLEIGH AND CARRIAGE ROBES, &c.,
AT AN
IMMENSE SACRIFICE.
JOHN R. TERRY, No. 409 Broadway.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

OPEN THIS DAY,

THE NEW COLORS IN

DOG-SKIN GLOVES,

SCARFS AND TIES,

WITH AN IMMENSE VARIETY OF

SHIRTS, COLLARS

AND

UNDERCLOTHING

AT

EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

UNION ADAMS,
NO. 637 BROADWAY.

DRESS TRIMMINGS, VELVETS, LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.
NEW GOODS AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES.
ELGER'S,
Nos. 380 and 382 Broadway, near Grand-st.

ATTMME. VIGOUROUX'S, NO. 126 4TH-AV., one door above 12th-st., stamping, imported embroidery, ladies and babies' trousseaux on hand or to order. Specialty of initials, monograms for handkerchief. Table and bed cloths embroidered to order for holiday presents.

MINK FURS, SABLE AND ASTRAKHAN furs, velvet bonnets and children's bonnets, ladies' hats and children's hats, for holiday gifts, at reduced prices. L. BINNS' millinery, largest in the world, No. 577 Broadway, opposite Niblo's Theatre.

CHARLOTTE G. SMITH WILL SELL HER entire stock of rich French Cloaks, in Velvet, Silk and Cloth; Opera Cloaks and Sacques, at greatly reduced prices, to close the business. 1,168 Broadway.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

JAPANESE GOODS,

New and beautiful, for the holidays, cheap, in great variety, at the new Japanese store, No. 834 Broadway.
A. A. VANTINE.

BEAUTIFUL AND SUBSTANTIAL
HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
Gold, Silver and Ivory-mounted
WALKING CANES,
The LARGEST, BEST and CHEAPEST assortment in this City can be found at
A. COX'S SONS, No. 25 Maiden-lane.

TOYS.

A fine and varied assortment, at STAVELEY'S, No. 870 Broadway, near 18th-st.

TOYS AND FANCY GOODS.
NOVELTIES JUST IMPORTED.
FANCY BOXES, GAMES,
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AND ALL KINDS OF TOYS,
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MANHATTAN.....2,950 tons.....Dec. 23, at 12 M.
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The steamship CITY OF PARIS will sail from Pier No. 45 North River, at 10 A. M. on SATURDAY, Dec. 19. Passengers will require to be on board one hour before sailing. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

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CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY, Dec. 26
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First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$35 and 35
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To Paris	115	To Paris	40 and 47
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THE STEAMSHIP PENNSYLVANIA, HALL
Will leave MONDAY, Dec. 21, at 9 A. M., from Pier No. 47 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
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Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

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Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
FOUR TIMES A MONTH
On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,
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UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
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COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICK, via Nassau, Dec. 31.
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CUSTOM-HOUSE, NEW-YORK,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, Dec. 11, 1868.
NOTICE TO MERCHANTS, SHIPPERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED.—Under recent instructions from the Treasury Department, hereafter all merchandise required to be corded and sealed for shipment to the Pacific Ports via the Isthmus of Panama, under the Department regulations of Sept. 1, 1866, must be "corded and sealed on the DOCK OF THE RECEIVING VESSEL," and under the immediate supervision of the Deputy Collector of the Twelfth Division, and the Inspectors serving in that Division. Parties desiring their merchandise corded and sealed in conformity to said regulations, will so direct, in writing, to said Deputy Collector when the packages are delivered on the Dock, or else the same will be manifested as not corded and sealed, and will be sent to the Public Stores at the port of destination, as provided in the regulations above referred to.
Information on this subject can be obtained at my office, over People's Bank, corner Canal and Thompson sts.
L. B. LATOBEY, Deputy Collector.

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NO. 23 WEST 27TH-ST., NEAR UDLEman House.—Pleasant rooms for gentlemen and families, with superior table. Also two seats at the table without rooms, in a private family; unquestionable references required.

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NO. 29 WEST 26TH-ST.—THE SECOND floor, three rooms deep, furnished, with every convenience, to let, with board; also a single room in fourth story. Apply after 2 o'clock.

THREE COMFORTABLY-FURNISHED rooms, with or without board, either singly or together, on moderate terms to respectable parties. No. 101 West 22d-st.

NO. 317 WEST 23D-ST., A FEW DOORS from Pike's Opera House.—Handsomely furnished rooms to rent, with board; also, small rooms; moderate terms.

WANTED—PERMANENTLY, BREAKFAST, tea, and two furnished bedrooms—one with a fire, for two gentlemen, south of 18th-st. Address C, Box 1,987 Post Office.

TO LET—WITH BOARD, TWO ROOMS ADjoining, on the second floor; hot and cold water, gas, bath and fire; will accommodate four persons. Apply at No. 158 3d-av., between 11th and 12th sts.

NO. 77 EAST 14TH-ST.—(NEW NO. 113.)—Two suites of rooms to let, with board, on second floor; private table, if desired; house first-class; references exchanged.

BOARDERS WANTED.—SIX OR EIGHT gentlemen can find a comfortable home, with board and washing included, for $5 per week, at Mr. HOGAN'S, No. 290 Monroe-st.

ROOMS WITH BOARD WANTED BY A gentleman and wife; location from 16th to 42d sts., between 3d and 8th avs.; terms not to exceed $25 per week. Address NORTON, Box No. 180 Times Office.

NO. 102 EAST 35TH-ST.—PARLOR AND bedroom and room on the second floor to let, with board.

NO. 44 WEST 23D-ST.—A PARLOR AND bedroom, and two large rooms to let, with or without private table. References required.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.—GENTS' ROOM without board; private house; warm air, gas. Address FERMANDE, Brooklyn Post Office.

NO. 36 EAST 20TH-ST.—TO LET, TO ONE or two single gentlemen, a large nicely furnished front room, with bedroom adjoining, if desired.

A STUDENT DESIRES A SMALL NEATLY-furnished room, for which $3 per week will be paid. Address THOMPSON, Box No. 128 Times Office.

FIFTH-AV., NO. 297, BETWEEN 30TH AND 31st sts.—A handsome suite of parlors in a first-class private house, with private table; references required.

NO. 107 17TH-ST., THIRD DOOR EAST of Union-square.—The second floor handsomely furnished, to let, with board; references exchanged.

A PRIVATE FAMILY WILL LET furnished rooms on second floor, with or without board, to gentlemen. Apply at No. 61 West 24th-st.

NO. 72 WEST 35TH-ST., BETWEEN 5th and 6th avs. Furnished rooms to let, with board. References exchanged.

NO. 201 WEST 14TH-ST.—A FAMILY OR a few gentlemen can be accommodated with fine rooms and first-class board.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET, WITH or without board, for two gentlemen, on reasonable terms; no other boarders kept. No. 214 West 19th-st.

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TO LET—NO. 72 5TH-AV.—SINGLE BEDROOMS, suitable for gentlemen, with or without board.

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SITUATIONS WANTED.

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AN EXPERIENCED BOOK-KEEPER desires a situation in a wholesale establishment; unexceptionable references given, including his last employer. BOOK-KEEPER, Box No. 2,459 Post Office, New-York.

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WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, A SITUATION in some wholesale house; salary not so much an object as a place where advancement can be made. Address C., Box No. 123 Times Office.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED BOOKkeeper, a situation; is steady and reliable and well acquainted with office work; refers to late employers and others. Address E. E. E., Box No. 160 Times Office.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—IN A LAWYER'S OFFICE, A young man about 18 years of age; must write a good hand and have good references for honesty. Address, in handwriting of applicant, Room No. 10, No. 31 Pine-st.

WANTED—A PROTESTANT GIRL, WHO UNderstands general housework and can bake, to go a short distance out of City. Apply at No. 148 Bleecker-st., near Thompson-st.

WANTED—A GIRL TO COOK, WASH AND iron in a private family. Apply, with good recommendations, to No. 33 East 21st-st.

SALESMEN WANTED FOR OHIO, INDIana, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee trade; those having a thorough knowledge of business and large acquaintance with buyers may apply to ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO., Canal-st.

$10 A DAY FOR ALL.—STENCIL TOOL SAMples free. Address A. J. FULLAM, Springfield, Vt.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

No. 36 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1868.
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE THIS day formed a copartnership under the firm name of CARPENTER & RICHARDS, for the transaction of a general banking and stock commission business.
EDWARD P. CARPENTER,
SELDON S. RICHARDS.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOtice is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all lots and parcels of land or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz:
1st. For laying crosswalks across James-street from number sixty-one to sixty-two.
2d. For paving with trap-blocks the southeast to the northeast corner of Fifth-street and First-avenue.
3d. For paving with trap-blocks the carriage-way of Fifty-seventh-street, from First-avenue to Avenue A.
4th. For flagging sidewalks of Sixth-avenue, west side, from Forty-sixth to Fifty-ninth-street.
The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on
1st. Both sides of James-street, from Madison to Oak-street.
2d. Both sides of Fifth-street, from First-avenue to a point half way to Avenue A; also, the east side of First-avenue, from Fifth-street to a point distant half the block, north and south.
3d. Both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, from First-avenue to Avenue A, to the extent of half the block either way on said avenue.
4th. The west side of Sixth-avenue, from Forty-Eighth-street to Fifty-ninth-street.
All persons whose interests are affected by the abovenamed assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to Isaac O. Hunt, Unairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 32 Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.
ISAAC O. HUNT,
E. HARRISON REED,
GUERNSEY SACKETT,
} Board of Assessors.
OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, Dec. 9, 1868.

CITY OF NEW-YORK—DEPARTMENT OF Finance, Bureau of the Receiver of Taxes,
COURT-HOUSE, PARK,
No. 32 CHAMBERS-ST., Dec. 16, 1868.
TO TAX-PAYERS:
Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes, to pay the same at this office before the 1st day of January, 1869. On and after that date interest will be charged at the rate of 1 per cent per month, on taxes existed from Oct. 1, 1864, to day of payment, will be added.
On the 15th day of January prox. warrants will be issued for the collection of all personal taxes remaining unpaid on that date.
BERNARD SMYTH, Receiver.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Committee on Street Openings of the Board of Aldermen will meet in the Chamber of the Board, Room No. 8, City Hall, on Monday, Dec. 21, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of hearing any objections of the property-owners affected by the extension of Park-place, by widening Rocinson-st., from College-place to West-st.
HUGH O'BRIEN,
JOHN MCQUADE,
TERENCE FARLEY,
Committee of Board of Aldermen.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
NEW-YORK COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1868.

THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL TAXES will meet THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 17th and 18th inst., at 9½ A. M. All parties interested will please attend. By order of the Chairman,
JOSEPH T. YOUNG,
Clerk of Board.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF WILliam D. Veeder, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against JOSEPH R. GOLDTHWAITE, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the executors, at the office of Troy & Place, No. 128 Pulton-st. in the City of Brooklyn, on or before the 25th day of May next.—Dated Nov. 12, 1868.
JENNIE C. GOLDTWAITE,
HENRY C. PLACE,
} Executors.
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NOTICE.—ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the estate of the late Charles Bussell, must present the same with vouchers to the undersigned at No. 202 West Houston-st., within six months from date.
ALFRED M. BUSSELL,
SAML. D. BUSSELL,
} Executors.
NEW-YORK, Sept. 17, 1868. 6m13-law6m*

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

A—SLEIGHS, VELOCIPEDES, CARriages, all styles, at great bargains. One hundred and fifty sleighs. One thousand wagons, carts, &c. Several second-hand carriages. For sale cheap, at warerooms of CALEB HYATT, No. 639 Broadway.

A HORSE, TOP GROCERY-WAGON and harness for sale, cheap. Inquire at No. 116 Columbia-st., New-York City. Mr. CLARK.

FOR SALE—ONE BLACK MARE, 16 HANDS, 7 years, sound, kind, fit for cart or truck; one bay horse, 7 years, fit for cart or express, at 413 East 13th-st.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A NEW ONE-HORSE truck, built by one of the best makers in the City. Inquire at No. 177 Prince-st., New-York.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT the Public Pound, 50th-st. and Madison-av., a large bay horse, on Dec. 19, at 2 o'clock P. M.

FOUR HORSES WINTERED NEAR City at $16 per month; good stable and attendance. Apply at No. of Pearl-st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS HOUSEKEEPER to a gentleman, or to take the domestic management of a college or institution, by a very responsible and most experienced American Protestant widow lady of middle age; no incumbrance; is not above being useful; has been two years in a distinguished Female College; for fidelity, neatness, economy, and integrity is a most valuable person; unexceptionable references. Apply at No. 10 Tillary-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO YOUNG girls; one as first-class waitress; willing to make herself useful in any kind of work; the other as first-class seamstress; willing to assist in care of children; first-class City references. Call at No. 452 West 34th-st., between 9th and 10th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN AMERICAN woman to do the general housework of a small private family; is a good plain cook, washer and ironer. Can be seen for two days at No. 117 West 19th-st., in the front basement.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO LIGHT washing and chamberwork by a respectable girl, who has lived many years in a genteel family, and can give from them the best recommendations. Address ELIZA, No. 50 East 13th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTAble woman as cook and laundress; is an excellent cook and baker; understands fine washing and ironing, and fluting; best City reference. Call at No. 6 West 13th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant young woman, a situation; is a thoroughly experienced cook, and willing to assist with the washing and ironing. Can be seen for two days at No. 111 West 46th-st.

WANTED—BY A SUPERIOR COOK, WITH excellent City reference, a situation in a private family or boarding-house; makes pastry, soups and jellies; does the coarse washing. Call in the fancy store, No. 517 2d-av.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO RESPECTable young girls, sisters, as respectable servants in family—one as cook, washer and ironer, the other as chambermaid and waitress; first-class City reference. Call at No. 150 East 42d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; fourteen and five years' references; understands all kinds of business in all its branches; is honest, sober and industrious; none need apply but those wanting a first-class cook. Apply at No. 249 West 23d-st.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTANT woman, a situation as a first-class cook; understands soups, fish, meats, game and pastry; is a good baker; best reference. Call, for two days, at No. 244 7th-av., in the rear, above 21s.-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO COOKING, washing and ironing, or general housework, by an industrious, capable girl; is an excellent washer and ironer; is a good cook, respectful and trustworthy; best references given. Apply at 121 Atlantic-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—BY A SOOTCH PROTESTANT nurse, who can take charge of an infant from its birth, a situation; would take care of an invalid, or act as housekeeper to a widower with a family. Apply at No. 404 6th-av., near 25th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION IN A PRIVATE family by a highly respectable girl, as dressmaker and seamstress; can operate on Wheeler & Wilson's and Grover & Baker's machines; best of City reference. Call at No. 36 East 18th-st., in the boot and shoe store.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as first-class cook, or do chamberwork and fine washing and ironing; willing and obliging; the best of reference. Call at No. 149 West 15th-st., in rear, between 6th and 7th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT woman; is an elegant cook and baker; will assist in the washing; will go to a boarding-house; City or country; best of City reference. Call for two days at No. 261 West 27th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG GIRL as chambermaid and waitress or nurse, or to do light housework; has the best of reference; no objection to the country. Call for two days at No. 332 East 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A THOROUGH COOK, WITH five years' City reference, a situation in a private family, hotel or boarding-house; makes pastries, soups, jellies and fancy dishes. Call at No. 350 East 29th-st.

WANTED—BY A SUPERIOR WAITRESS AND parlor maid, with excellent City reference, a situation in a private family or boarding-house; takes charge of the silver and dining-room; wages $16. Call at No. 338 East 29th-st.

WANTED—BY A LAUNDRESS, TO DO WASHing at her own residence; will do families' and gentlemen's washing in the neatest manner; the best of reference can be given. Call at No. 261 7th-av., top floor.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation; is a good plain cook, washer and ironer; has good City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 511 West 42d-st., in the rear.

WANTED—BY A GERMAN GIRL, A SITUAtion to do general housework, or as cook, washer and ironer; best of references. Apply at No. 17 Stanton-st., near Bowery.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as cook; is willing to assist with the washing and ironing; good City reference. Call at No. 109 West 33d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT young woman as nurse and seamstress; can operate on Wheeler & Wilson's machine; best City reference. Call for two days at No. 333 East 30th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTAble girl as first-class cook; understands all kinds of cooking; can furnish the best of testimonials. Call or address till suited at No. 63 West 33d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, AT her house, a few ladies' and gentlemen's washing; done up in the neatest style. Can be seen at No. 53 West 33d-st.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT LAUNDRESS, a situation; would take the place of chambermaid and fine washer. Apply No. 404 6th-av., near 25th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT young woman as chambermaid and seamstress; has good references. Can be seen for two days at No. 342 East 32d-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, WHO UNderstands all kinds of family sewing, to go out by the day or week. Call or address No. 329 East 19th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD GERman girl to do general housework. Call at No. 183 2d-st., first floor, between Avenues A and B.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook by a reliable woman; has five years' reference from her last place. Apply at No. 249 West 23d-st.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL, A situation as chambermaid and waitress; no objection to the country. Call for two days at 427 East 18th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD COOK, washer, ironer and baker; can make all kinds of desserts. Call at present employer's, No. 12 East Washington-place.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COMPETENT cook; is an excellent baker; City reference given. Apply for two days at No. 331 West 2.th-st.

MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom by an industrious single man, Scotch; thoroughly understands all business; excellent groom and careful driver; will be found civil, very willing and obliging; best of City reference. Address W. S., Box No. 209 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE YOUNG MAN, A situation as coachman, groom or second waiter or groom, understands the waiter; the best of City reference as to honesty, temperance and capability. Call on or address M. MULLIGAN, No. 132 West 18th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., top floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN, in any capacity, where he can earn a living; willing to work and would make himself generally useful; can give good reference. Address E. G., Box No. 141 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom by a single young man; is sober, honest and industrious; is a good driver and an excellent groom; the very highest City reference given. Address A. B. C., Box No. 238 Times Office.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY A PROTESTANT man and wife; the man as gardener or coachman; understands green-houses and grapery; the wife as cook; good references from last employer. Address for two days, J. H., Box No. 210 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE MAN OF SOBRIety and honesty, a situation as gardener; understands all work about a gentleman's place; is a good milker; has City reference. Address D., Box No. 206 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A FRENCHMAN, A SITUATION as groom and coachman; understands the management of race and fast horses; also of carriages, harness, &c.; best of reference. Apply at No. 404 6th-av., near 25th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY AN ENGLISHman, single; is a thorough groom, driver, kitchen gardener, &c.; is neat and temperate; moderate wages expected. Address G. G., Box No. 209 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SWEDISH man in a store; speaks German; understands cooperage; will make himself useful; good reference. Address W. S., Box No. 109 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom—a man of long experience; is a good City driver; understands his business thoroughly; has good reference. Address J. L., Box No. 194 Times Office.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION; HAS nine years' City reference from his last place; is a careful driver, sober, honest, and obliging. Address T. D., Box 209 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG MAN, a situation as coachman and groom; no objection to the country; good City references. Can be seen at No. 126 6th-av., for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN as porter or fireman in a hotel or boarding-house; best of reference. Address or apply at No. 407 East 15th-st., Room No. 14.

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Sole Lessee and Director.....J. GRAU
Ninth week and great success of
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presented with unprecedented
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TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) MATINEES AND EVENING.
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In Brooklyn NEXT WEEK, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Dec. 23 and 24, Genevieve de Brabant.

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TO-MORROW, (Saturday,) Dec. 19, at 1 o'clock, (Grove open at 12½,) Offenbach's famous GENEVIEVE DE BRABANT, with its great cast and splendor of mise en scene.
Admission to all parts, $1; seats can be secured without extra charge; private boxes, $6.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.
Broadway, cor. 30th-st. Open from 9 A. M. until 10 P. M.
TWO PERFORMANCES IN THE THEATRE THIS DAY.
83d and 84th time, and last but ten of the
LYDIA THOMPSON BURLESQUE TROUPE,
in the most successful burlesque production known to this country,
LION, THE MAN AT THE WHEEL.
To be preceded by the QUIET FAMILY. In the Afternoon, at 3 o'clock, THE GIANT OF PALATINE and MY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE. The Curiosities throughout the day. Look out for ERNANI.

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GRAND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.
The entire establishment is beautifully decorated.
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THE SPLENDID CHRISTMAS BAZAAR,
FOR THE SALE OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,
EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENTS
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MUSIC FROM THEO. THOMAS' ORCHESTRA.
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THE DOUBLE TRAPEZE—THE HORIZONTAL BARS.
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TWO COMICAL GIANTS,
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During the DAY AND EVENING,
ADMISSION, TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.
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PRIVATE BOXES, TWO DOLLARS EXTRA; to be had during the day at Scribner's, No. 701 Broadway.

A BRILLIANT PROGRAMME.
MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS
In behalf of the NEW-YORK OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, will make her first reappearance as a Reader, in this City, on
SATURDAY, DEC. 19, 1868,
AT STEINWAY HALL.
PROGRAMME.
ROSALIND. "As You Like It."....Shakespeare
LADY CLARA. "Vere de Vere."....Tennyson
LADY MACBETH, (including the Somnambulism Scene).....Shakespeare
COURTSHIP OF HENRY V.....Shakespeare
Doors open at 7. Reading commences at 8.
Tickets 50 cents. Reserved seats, $1 extra.
Tickets can be obtained at Smith's Pharmacy, No. 105 4th-av.; Hurlbert's Pharmacy, No. 893 Broadway; Hadley's, Cooper Institute; Pond's music store, No. 547 Broadway; Steinway Hall, (night of the reading.)

AN EVENING WITH
SHAKESPEARE, WHITTIER,
DICKENS, LONGFELLOW,
JERROLD, HAWTHORNE,
OLIVE LOGAN!
STEINWAY HALL,
MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 21 AT 8 O'CLOCK.
Reserved seats, $1, now ready for sale at Pond's, No. 547 Broadway; Peters', No. 306 Broadway.

CONSTANT MAYER'S
New Picture,
"GOOD WORDS,"
Now on exhibition at
SNEDECOR'S ART GALLERY,

CHURCH FAIRS.

The Season at Its Height—How the Fairs are Getten Up—Devices for Emptying Purses.

Christmas is coming, and presents must be made. The Church, Sunday-School and Asylum fairs now holding and to be held during Christmas week, can furnish a very extended assortment of articles at prices equally cheap with the stores, and purchasers will have the additional satisfaction of aiding either in the cause of religion or charity. Fairs are great mediums of sociability, and are generally crowded in the evening. The devices for extracting money from visitors are often ingenious and amusing. Among them is the "Fish Pond," which is an imitation of a well. The line is dropped for a consideration of ten cents, and by trolling the hook an object of the value of one cent, more or less, is drawn up. This may be a doll's nightcap, an infinitesimal basket, a wooden toy of economical make, or a card-board ornament. The deficit of 9 cents is abundantly compensated by the smiles of the young lady in charge, and repeated angling ensues, which is not always confined to the fisherman. A "lucky bag" is another feature. Ten cents or 25 cents, confers the valuable privilege of inserting one's hand in the opening, with the assurance of obtaining a prize of some sort. This proves to be a pin-cushion one inch in diameter, a peanut wrapped in tissue paper, a slate pencil or kindred article of price, but the laugh of the presiding syren consoles for all disappointment and induces repeated ventures. On calling at the "post office" letters can be obtained from any person and from all parts of the world. An inquiry of the postmistress, with a statement of name and address, speedily calls forth a letter duly directed by a confederate clerk, and a charge of ten or twenty-five cents is made, according to distance. Thibet, for instance, is twenty-five cents. Considering the expense of mail communication, it is impossible to bring a letter from Thibet for less. Another attraction is the fortune-teller; but if she does not prove particularly young or handsome, she suffers a studied neglect from the young men, though receiving a satisfactory amount of patronage from the ladies. A mysterious screen, at times, is labeled "Picture Gallery." Visions of gilded frames inclosing works of art, dwindle, on entering, into the contemplation of a few engravings upon a table. The "gallery" measures six feet by seven. An apartment of equally modest dimensions, at a late fair, was defined as a "skating rink." The expectant, anticipating at least an experience at parlor skating, found a picture of sundry skaters reflected in a mirror and subjected to the illumination of two gas jets.

The most usual mode of raising money at fairs is by selling chances in raffles. In this way numerous high-priced articles are disposed of at most exaggerated rates. Irresistible young ladies are usually selected to canvass the visitors, and the difficulty of denying them is great.

Prominent among the fairs now going forward is that of St. Stephen's Church, a Catholic enterprise, which began on the 8th inst., and will be continued until New-Year's Eve inclusive. It is for the benefit of an Orphan Asylum, and is crowded nearly every evening. It adds, to its other attractions, billiard tables, where games are played upon payment of a charge, and entertains visitors with a band of music. The most profitable patrons of Catholic Fairs are servant girls, who are very profuse, and often spend a month's wages in an evening.

Another attractive fair is that in the Sandy School room of the Church of the Holy Trinity, corner of Madison-avenue and Forty-second-street, in aid of the building fund of the school. It began yesterday at noon, and will be continued until to-morrow night. Rev. S. H. TYNG, Jr., the Rector, celebrated on Wednesday night his wooden wedding in the schoolroom. Conspicuous in the ante-room of the Fair are sundry articles presents he received. Among them is a sawdust wedding-cake of colossal dimensions, with the usual ornamental coating of frost. Fairs are also going forward in the Sixth-avenue Mission Rooms, and at Dodworth Hall, in Broadway, near Tenth-street. Both are popular thoroughfares, and attract visitors throughout the afternoon and evening. Purchases can be made there quite as cheaply as in stores, and in some respects more so. No reason therefore exists why persons desiring undergarments and various other articles of necessity or ornament should not give fairs their patronage, and assist in the good works they are connected with. There are many in various localities in this City, as well as in Brooklyn and Jersey City, which are not advertised. All offer their especial attractions.

The Ladies' Fair of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, which was lately held with great success in Tammany Hall Building, for the benefit of an Orphan Asylum, will be renewed during Christmas week in the basement of the church in Twenty-third-street, and will doubtless prove as attractive as before.

Fairs are important events in the history of churches, and occupy the attention of the ladies of the congregation a long time previously to their taking place. There is as much competition among the younger ladies for tables furnishing articles that gentlemen are likely to buy as exists for positions in a Presidential Cabinet, and the jealousies and disappointments are, perhaps, quite as great. The babylinen table, that single gentlemen are not likely to frequent, is usually handed over to a matron of discreet years, who can suffer marculine neglect with resignation. A sewing circle is formed and the family affairs of the parson, church members and mutual acquaintances generally, receive due ventilation. Reports are received regarding promises of contributions, and a due excitement exists upon the contemplation of any articles sent. Many goods are received from retail stores for sale on commission. These are an important staple of fair tables, and consists of toys, ornaments and minor articles of furniture.

The space allotted to fairs does not admit of the sale of many Christmas-trees, although these are sometimes found. The business in this new feature of Christmas life has become very large, and is nearly depleting of hemlock growths in the suburbs. Formerly Christmas presents were inserted in the stockings of children during the night, or placed, by an imaginary Santa Claus, in shinnies, but Christmas-trees, by the bright evening gas, hung with gifts, are now substituted, and their reception by the happy juveniles is associated with games, dancing and music.

Prompt Capture of a Runaway Californian—He Obtains $2,500 in Gold by Fraud, and Comes Here Overland.

The most astonished man at the Astor House, in this City, on Wednesday morning, was THOMAS STEVENS, a gentleman about 55 years of age, who had just arrived from the Golden State, overland, having, previous to his leaving San Francisco, obtained the sum of $2,500 in gold from J. C. MERRILL & Co., shipping merchants in that city, on a draft made on them in the name of Mr. SHELEY, Vice-President of the Panama and Sandwich Island Steamship Company. He obtained the money on the draft on the 26th of November, having represented to J. C. MERRILL & Co. that Mr. SHELEY was a friend of his, and that he, Mr. SHELEY, had told him that, if he was ever short at any time, to make a draft on him. So he made the draft, and got the money. He then prepared for travel, and at once sent his baggage to the Astor House, New-York, by the steamship *Rising Star*, and marked "Capt. Scott," and he himself started by the overland route. While he was on his way Messrs. J. C. MERRILL & Co. telegraphed to Superintendent KENNEDY a statement of the facts, and Detectives VOLK and VIDETO, of the Brooklyn Central office, were detailed to watch for the arrival of Mr. STEVENS. When the old gentleman arrived at Rochester he telegraphed to the Astor House to see if his baggage had arrived. He was promptly answered that it had. He also telegraphed that he was on his way as a guest of the house. When he arrived in the City on Wednesday morning, the detectives met him, and informed him of the predicament in which he was situated. He claimed that the draft was regular, inasmuch as Mr. SHELEY had authorized him to draw upon him if he needed money at any time, and he represented that the amount was then about exhausted. He was at once put on board the steamer of Wednesday afternoon, and sent on his way back to San Francisco, where he will be tried for the fraud he is alleged to have committed. Mr. STEVENS had very little time in which to look around for friends, *Ashes corpused*, or other instruments of help.

Board of Councilmen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. STACOM in the chair.

Resolutions to pave Fourth-street, from the Bowery to Sixth-avenue, As or-place, and Irving-ton-street from the Bowery to Mangin-street, with McGonegal wooden pavement, were concurred in.

The Board concurred with the Board of Aldermen in adopting the resolution to increase the salary of the keeper of the City Hall to $2,750.

The Clerk of the Common Council was directed to have 5,000 copies of the canvass of the returns of the November and December elections published in pamphlet form.

A resolution to donate $15,000 to the New-York Dispensary was laid over.

The Board adjourned to Monday next.

Death of a Physician from Overdose of Morphine.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner KENNAN, at No. 129 East Twenty-fourth-street, over the remains of Dr. ISAAC CUMMINGS, aged 36 and a native of Massachusetts, who died from the effects of an overdose of morphine, taken by him to produce slumber. It appears that the deceased, who has for some years been the house physician at the Demilt Dispensary, on the corner of Second-avenue and Twenty-third-street, became so nervous on Tuesday evening that he was unable to sleep, so he swallowed a dose of morphine, as was usual with him, to produce the desired effect. Dr. CUMMINGS evidently mistook the quantity or overestimated the strength, for his landlady, Mrs. HOGG, discovered him at 10:30 P. M. in an unconscious state, so she summoned the necessary medical attendance, though it proved to be too late, as the patient did not rally, and died at 2 o'clock on Wednesday. A verdict of death by an overdose of morphine was rendered by the jury. Dr. CUMMINGS was favorably known and highly esteemed by all who knew him in connection with the Dispensary, where he had been highly successful during an extended course of practice, and his death will be sincerely regretted by those who frequent the institution.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

An Address That Was Not Delivered—Peculiar Proceedings Yesterday.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at 1 P. M. yesterday, in compliance with a call advertised in the newspapers, and by means of a circular extensively distributed, in which it was announced that Dr. JAMES C. HALLOCK, Jr., would deliver an address "in explanation of a practical plan for the complete, immediate and permanent control of all disturbances and obstructions in commercial payments, otherwise culminating in panic."

Hon. WM. E. DODGE, President, on calling the meeting to order, said that the meeting had been called, in accordance with the by-laws, by more than five members, and although he was utterly opposed to holding the meeting, he was compelled to comply with the by-laws, which required that a meeting thus called should be held. It had come to such a pass that any gentleman who had a private object to gain could obtain a meeting for the purpose of giving notoriety to it. He should move for an alteration of the by-laws at a proper time, and if they were not changed could not consent to remain the presiding officer of the Chamber.

Mr. CHARLES BUTLER moved, under the circumstances stated by the Chairman, that the Chamber adjourn. He thought the most significant rebuke for such impertinence as had been exhibited was to adjourn.

Dr. JAMES C. HALLOCK, Jr., apparently a very young man, endeavored to obtain the floor for the purpose of making an explanation, but the Chamber refused to listen to it, and the motion to adjourn was carried unanimously.

Grammar School No. 58.

A series of musical and elocutionary exercises took place yesterday at Grammar School No. 58, in West Fifty-second-street, near Eighth-avenue. The music was under the direction of Prof. NASH and Miss HOFFMAN, and the elocution under that of Mr. JOHN D. ROBINSON and Miss MARIA JASPER, Principals of the School, which contains 700 pupils.

Among the declamations was a comic story entitled "The Frenchman and the Rats," by ELIAS J. AUGUST, which was well delivered and afforded considerable amusement. A dialogue, called "Cataline," by CHARLES F. PLUMB, M. C. LOCKWOOD and FREDERIC C. PERRY; and the poem of "Shamus O'Brien," by CHARLES F. PLUMB, were booth well given. The trio of "How Gently," by Miss HOFFMAN, Mr. NASH, and Mr. BARROWS, excited much applause, and a solo by Miss ADELPHINE T. HOFFMAN, created equal pleasure. The "Echo Song," that of "Slowly and Softly," and "Hark! I hear the Organ's Peal," by the school were very effectively rendered.

The young gentlemen delivering other addresses were Valentine Cook, Jr., John D. Ahrens, W. Irving Fiero, John E. McIntyre, William A. Hunter, Jesse L. Gutman, Oscar Unz, Henry Deyke, Benjamin F. McKinley, Plymon E. Garrety, John J. Gallagher, William M. Green, M. Clarence Lockwood, Arthur M. Lee and William S. Guthrie. Songs were also given by Henry P. Solomon, Arthur A. Barrows and Samuel Thompson. A voluntary on the organ was played, with applause, by Mr. Isaac Kiersted, and the proceedings closed with a Te Deum by the school. The visitors enjoyed a very pleasant entertainment.

Meeting of the Alumni of Hamilton College.

A meeting of the Alumni of Hamilton College was held last evening at Columbia College Law School. Lafayette-place, for the purpose of forming an organization of the Alumni and to arrange for an annual reunion. The chair was taken by Prof. THEODORE W. DWIGHT, of Columbia College. The meeting was called to order by Mr. ISAAC H. HALL, the Secretary. Addresses on the objects of the meeting were delivered by Rev. Dr. BROWN, President of Hamilton College, Gen. JOHN COCHRANE, Rev. Dr. KENDALL, Mr. OLMSTEAD, Prof. HENRY DARLING, Prof. HENRY N. DAY, Prof. JOHN NORTON POMROY, Dean of the University Law School, Col. GEORGE S. HASTINGS, &c. Letters of sympathy and encouragement were read from Mr. CHARLES P. KIRKLAND, Rev. F. F. ELLENWOOD, D. D., Col. EMMONS CLARK, and others.

A committee for that purpose reported the following list of officers for permanent organization:—President—Judge CHARLES P. KIRKLAND. Vice-Presidents—Prof. T. W. Dwight, LL. D., Gen. John Cochrane, Judge Joseph Bosworth, Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, D. D., Hon. Edwin C. Littlefield. Executive Committee—Prof. Theo. W. Dwight, LL. D., Prof. John Norton Pomroy, LL. D., Col. Emmons Clark, Gen. S. Hastings, A. N. Bowman, M. D., Isaac H. Hall, Esq., Elihu Root, Esq. Treasurer—Alexander H. Spalding, Esq.; Corresponding Secretary—Isaac H. Hall, Esq.; Recording Secretary—Elihu Root, Esq.

It was decided to have a social reunion and dinner early in January, after which the proceedings terminated.

Ferry-boat Collision.

The Fulton ferry-boat *America*, on leaving Brooklyn about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, was struck by a propeller on the the after part of her starboard side between the wheel-house and rudder. The propeller had checked her speed in time to prevent a very violent collision, and the ferry-boat took a position which best enabled her to withstand the shock. Notwithstanding this, the concussion was severe and the passengers were much frightened. No damage ensued. Traffic on the East River is constantly increasing, and ferry-boats are daily in greater danger of being run down. Actual collisions may not yet be frequent, but narrow escapes from them are incessant. The necessity for a bridge or a tunnel across the river becomes more and more apparent.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY.—Justice HOGAN heard the statements of counsel for the prosecution, in the case of J. AUGUSTUS MARSH, the broker, who has been locked up in the Tombs for several days, on a charge of obtaining $15,000 worth of United States Bonds on a check for $16,612 on the National Bank of the Commonwealth, from Messrs. H. A. HEISEN'S SONS, at No. 98 Wall-street, on the 23d of November last. The counsel stated that they had discovered that the line of prosecution was a defective one, and as the bonds had all been restored, and the prisoner respectably connected, they desired to abandon the prosecution if consistative with the requirements of justice. Young MARSH had committed the crime in a moment of haste, and they considered that he had already suffered deeply through his imprisonment, and the prosecuting firm had been induced to withdraw the complaint, as it would give MARSH a chance to redeem himself and restore him to the arms of a widowed mother. Justice HOGAN granted the motion and discharged MARSH from custody.

AMERICAN COLUMBARIAN SOCIETY.—Yesterday was the third day of the exhibition of fancy pigeons and fowls, under the auspices of the American Columbarian Society, at their rooms, No. 956 Broadway. The exhibition has been well attended, and will doubtless lead breeders to make renewed exertions to carry off the prizes at next year's exhibition. Among those obtaining first premiums this year are: Pigeons—W. A. Wood, G. A. Russell, Dr. Decker, L. Scheid, Geo. Purvis, F. Sterling, C. Biegel, L. McLeish and Messrs. Colell, Homer, Busch and Riesterer. For fowls—Messrs. G. H. Leavitt, A. L. Maitland, F. Sterling, B. Haines, Jr., Dennis Long, Beard and Hy. Johnson, obtain first premiums. The last-named gentleman shows a fine collection of game bantams. Mr. WOOD, President of the Society, taking the largest number of premiums, is also entitled to the gold medal. On account of the bad weather yesterday, the Society have decided to keep the exhibition open this day and evening.

FIRES YESTERDAY.—Yesterday morning a fire occurred on the third floor of No. 229 Mott-street, occupied by JAMES FLANNAGAN, who sustained a loss of $200 on furniture, &c; insured. The building was damaged to the extent of $100; owned by PATRICK DEGO who is fully insured.....Another and more extensive fire occurred yesterday morning in the dry-goods store of RICHARD GRAY, on the first floor of No. 680 Third-avenue, when a loss of $8,000 was occasioned on the stock and fixtures; insured for $10,000 in the home and another company. A portion of the second floor was occupied by Mrs. ESTHER MURPHY as a dwelling, and she lost $100 on her furniture; insured. The other portion of the second floor was occupied by Mrs. ELIZABETH ROACH, whose loss is estimated at $150; insured. The premises are owned by ABRAHAM KIND, who sustains a loss of $3,000; insured for $2,500 in the Park. The origin of the fire is unknown.

ALLEGED ROBBERY.—JOHN J. BURKE, of No. 145 Thompson-street, made a complaint stating that Wednesday evening he was walking up Mercer-street with PATRICK GOUGH, when he was suddenly felled to the pavement by a blow from behind him. When he recovered consciousness, a moment afterward, he found that he had been robbed of a gold watch and chain, worth $105, and that GOUGH had disappeared. Subsequently he saw GOUGH coming out of a saloon in Spring-street and caused him to be arrested by Officer EAKINS, of the Eighth Precinct, and accused him of the robbery. When arraigned yesterday the prisoner said he knew nothing of the matter further than that he had been knocked down himself at the same moment that BURKE was felled. He was, however, held in $1,500 bail to answer at the General Sessions, and BURKE was required to give bond in $500 to appear and testify.

BILLIARDS.—Last evening MELVIN FOSTER, who is practicing for his match with JOSEPH DION, of Montreal, for $1,000 a side, which is to take place at the Academy of Music on the 28th inst., played a preparatory game with MICHAEL FERLAN. The game was the French, 600 points up—the same as that which DION and FOSTER have to play in the match. Mr. FERLAN received the long odds of 125 points, and yet was beaten 66. At the start of the game both players made masterly hits toward the close Ferlan did justice to his brown skill by making, each runs as 130, 99, 85, and 84. FERLAN'S best run was 70. To-night they will play a similar game to the private room connected with CREED, O'CONNOR'S establishment. Dion will arrive here in the course of the day, and at once begin practice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—Last evening the pupils of the Sabbath School connected with the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Seventh-avenue, near Thirteenth-street, gave an anniversary entertainment, in the presence of an audience so numerous that at the time of commencement even the standing room in the large edifice was fully occupied. The exercises were varied, consisting of music, instrumental and vocal, and recitations, dialogues, &c., by the pupils of the school. The entire programme was excellently rendered, and loudly applauded. To accommodate the many who were unable to gain admittance last evening, the entertainment will be repeated to-night.

ANOTHER PARDON.—President JOHNSON yesteday granted a pardon to JOHN OSBERT, who was recently sentenced to ten days' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $1,000 for executing a false whisky bond, thereby defrauding the Government. The term of imprisonment having expired, and OSBERT being unable to pay the fine, a petition, signed by Rev. Dr. THOMPSON and Messrs. RICHARD SCHELL and others, for his release, was presented to the President. The application for pardon was based upon the previous excellent character of the man, and the result was in his favor.

INTERNAL REVENUE SEIZURE.—Deputy LUKE O'REILLY, of the Third District, yesterday forenoon made another seizure in the vicinity of Prospect and Hudson streets, Brooklyn. The other parties in interest seem to have got wind of the Deputy's approach, inasmuch as he found all the material removed except five mash tubs, which were full, a worm and worm tub—all of which he seized. The still had evidently been in recent operation. A curiosity-seeking crowd and a few angry bricks, propelled by malice aforethought, flying in infinite space, were the only incidents of the occasion. The property was turned over to the United States Marshal.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—District Deputy G. W. P. Rev. S. MERRITT, Jr., has called a Convention of representatives from all the Divisions comprising the First Convention District of Eastern New-York, being that portion of the City west of Broadway, to meet this evening, in the Hall corner of Eighteenth-street and Eighth-avenue. All members of the Grand Division belonging to that district are invited as delegates, and Goubion's Cornet Band number will attend, as matters of importance will come before the Convention. Only members of the Order will be admitted.

A FORGED ORDER-OPERATOR ARRESTED.—DANIEL HUNT, a young man, was arrested yesterday by Capt. WALSH and Detective MCKEEVER, of the Eleventh Precinct, on a charge of having feloniously obtained a lot of brass door-knobs, valued at $54, from ROBERT A. RUSSELL, of No. 300 East Fourth-street. He sent a request to the complainant for the goods, and signed the note with the name of a customer, upon which the goods were delivered, and the fraud was only discovered when payment was demanded. HUNT was found in possession of the property when arrested, and is held for examination.

CURRANT CULTURE.—The Fruit-Growers' Club met, yesterday, at No. 245 Broadway. Dr. J. E. SNODGRASS was called to the chair. Under the head of miscellaneous business, various subjects of interest were discussed. Currant culture was the principal topic of discussion, and the results of the experiences of various members in raising this fruit differed widely. A committee was appointed to take measures to promote a more thorough organization of this club in view of the increasing interest in its discussions.

A SUICIDAL ATTEMPT IN A POLICE CELL.—JOSEPH MITCHELL, a farmer, was, on Wednesday evening, arrested in the First Ward for intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was locked up in the Liberty-street Police Station, and at a later hour the doorman discovered that MITCHELL had suspended himself to the grating of his cell door with his handkerchief. The man was instantly cut down and restored to animation, and during yesterday forenoon was arraigned before Alderman MOORE, at the Tombs, and committed for a few days.

TEMPERANCE REUNION.—This evening the members of Croton Division, No. 46, Sons of Temperance, will hold their first annual reunion at Brooke's Assembly Rooms, No. 361 Broome-street. The programme of pleasure for the evening promises to be very attractive, and a numerous gathering of friends is anticipated. This Division, although of comparatively recent origin, is in a highly flourishing condition, ranking among the foremost in the order.

"SIGHT-SEEING FROM NEW-YORK TO JERUSALEM."—Last evening Rev. J. HYATT SMITH, of Brooklyn, delivered his popular lecture on "Sight-seeing from New-York to Jerusalem" before the Young Men's Christian Association, of the Strong Place Baptist Church, in the Fifth-avenue Baptist Church. There was a large audience present, who listened with pleasure to the reverend gentleman's spicy narration of adventures by sea and land, on a trip to the East and home again.

THE NEW-YORK OPTHALMIC HOSPITAL.—Readings by Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS will be given at Steinway Hall, on Saturday evening next, in behalf of the New-York Opthalmic Hospital. The programme comprises selections from "Macbeth," "As You Like It," "Henry V.," and "Lady Clara Vere de Vere." The Hospital has lately been reorganized on homeopathic principles, and during the past year 1,200 patients have received gratuitous treatment.

GRACE CHURCH, HARLEM.—The ladies of Grace Church, of Harlem, are holding a fair at Washington Hall, on Third-avenue, near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street. This evening they close and promise extraordinary attractions. The receipts of the fair are to be devoted for the benefit of the Sunday School of the Church.

A CHARITY BALL.—The entertainment and ball to be given by the Irving Literary Union for the benefit of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, will take place to-night at Allemania Hall, Sixteenth-street.

THE BRISTOL LINE OF STEAMBOATS.—This line of popular boats has been withdrawn for the Winter.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

REWARDED FOR ROBBING A SAFE.—PHILIP ALLEN and E. W. Boss were placed on trial yesterday in the Court of Sessions on a charge of grand larceny, in stealing the sum of $160 from the safe in the office of R. W. ADAMS & Co., in Van Brunt-street, near Hamilton-avenue, on the 5th of September last. They were convicted, and sentenced to the State Prison for five years each, and ordered to be taken there forthwith.

THE POLICEMAN'S SENTENCE IN THE SESSIONS.—Judge TROY, in the Court of Sessions, yesterday, administered a severe reprimand to Officer BROWN, of the Forty-first Precinct, convicted on Wednesday of assault and battery and false imprisonment. He also fined him in the sum of $1.

ELECTION FRAUDS.—The Grand Jury came into the Court of Sessions yesterday and returned sixty-seven indictments against various persons for criminal offences. In regard to the alleged frauds at the recent election, they returned the following presentment: The Grand Jury have had under consideration the case of alleged election frauds in the Eighth District of the Sixteenth Ward at the last election, and from testimony find the canvassing to have been conducted in rather a loose manner, but have been unable to find anything to show any criminality on the part of any inspector or canvasser.

BURGLARY AND GRAND LARCENY.—MICHAEL LANIGAN, a burglar, who pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the Court of Sessions yesterday, was sent to the State Prison for two years and six months. EUGENE RIDGELY, colored, also pleaded guilty to grand larceny, and was sent to the State Prison for one year.

DISTILLERY SEIZURES.—Yesterday the Assistant Assessors of the Second Internal Revenue District seized an illicit distillery on King-street, near Conover-street; another one, in an old shanty, on the same street, and still another one in a shanty on Columbia-street.

MUSICAL REUNION AT THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT.—The Bible classes of this young church held a musical and social reunion last evening, which was a very pleasant success. The gathering was large, the exercises good, and the company separated in good humor a little before 10 o'clock.

NEW-JERSEY.

SALE ON SUNDAY NOT BINDING.—DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN JUDGE AND JURY.—A singular case was commenced at the last September Term of the Union County Courts, N. J., in which a man named JOHN FETTER was plaintiff, and ADAM BROWN defendant. The action was brought to recover $148, the price of seventy-eight sheep sold by one party to the other. In the course of the proceedings it transpired that the sale was partially effected on Sunday, and it was agreed that the cattle should be sent to Brown's house next day. But in the meantime Brown got sick of his bargain, and when the sheep arrived at his place he refused to take them. A suit was brought to recover their value, and the Judge charged the jury that as the agreement was commenced on Sunday, it should be held of no account, in consequence of the violation of the Lord's day. The case was given to the jury, and they found a verdict directly contrary to the charge, upholding the validity of the contract. The Judge immediately set aside the verdict, and the case again came on for hearing at Elizabeth a few days ago, but no sooner had the plaintiff given his evidence than the Judge non-suited the case, without going into any more details. After this disposal of the matter, a cross case of BROWN *vs.* FETTER for the grazing of the sheep while in the plaintiff's possession after defendant refused to take them back, was heard. The jury gave $8 damages.

ROBBERIES.—A man, giving the name of CHARLES SCHINTZ, was arrested in Newark at 12 o'clock on Wednesday night, on suspicion of having stolen half a dozen boxes of cigars, one of which he offered to the policeman to let him go. He is detained at the Station-House.....At an early hour yesterday morning, a man, giving the name of ANDERSON C. MOORE, and residence at Peekskill, N. Y., was taken into custody on suspicion of having stolen a horse which he was leading. The horse is detained for identification.....About 10 o'clock Wednesday night a sneak thief gained an entrance to the dwelling No. 19 Clinton-street, Newark, and succeeded in carrying away three valuable overcoats and an afghan, which had been left in the hallway.

SERIOUS AFFRAY.—Two men, named CHARLES BUCKNELL and WILLIAM WACKENBUSH, engaged in a quarrel in Shipman-street, Newark, on Wednesday evening, in which the latter was seriously injured by blows upon the head and face. The assailant was arrested and committed for trial.

NIGHT TRAIN TO MORRISTOWN.—The Morris and Essex Railroad Company are about to start a night train on Friday evenings (11 o'clock) between New-York and Morristown. Trip tickets will be sold at a reduced rate.

PRESENTATION.—A gold medal, which cost $250, was presented to Mayor PEDDIE, of Newark on Wednesday evening, by a number of the leading citizens of Newark.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 17—11:15 A. M.
Consols open at 92¾ for money and 92¾ for account. United States Five-twenty Bonds quiet and steady at 74¾; Erie shares, 27¾; Illinois Centrals, 96¼.

PARIS, Thursday, Dec. 17.
The Bourse is firm; Rentes, 7of. 80c., ex-coupon.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Dec. 17—11:15 A. M.
COTTON—The market opens quiet. Middling Uplands, 10¾d.; Middling Orleans, 10¾d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales.
BREADSTUFFS—The market is unchanged.
PRODUCE—Petroleum quiet and steady. Linseed cakes dull.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 17—11:15 A. M.
Tallow quiet and unchanged.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 17—1:20 P. M.
American Securities are dull. Railway shares steady, Erie, 27¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 42¾.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Dec. 17—1:20 P. M.
COTTON—The market is quiet.
BREADSTUFFS—Wheat firmer. Flour, 26s. 6d. ₱ bbl. for Western Canal.
PROVISIONS—Bacon, 44s. ₱ cwt. for Cumberland Cut. Pork, 86s. ₱ bbl. for Eastern Prime Mess.

HAVRE, Thursday, Dec. 17.
Cotton dull both on the spot and to arrive. Tres Ordinaire on the spot, 123f. ₱ cwt.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 17.
The regular weekly statement of the Bank of England, made public to-day, shows that the amount of bullion in vault has increased £317,000 sterling since last week.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 17—8 P. M.
Consols close at 92¾ for money, and 92¾ for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds are quiet at 74¾. Railway Shares dull; Erie, 27¾; Illinois, 96.

FRANKFORT, Thursday, Dec. 17.
United States Five-twenty Bonds 79 for the old issue.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Dec. 17—5 P. M.
COTTON—The market closed quiet. Middling Uplands, on the spot, 10¾d.; to arrive, 10¾d.; Middling Orleans, 10¾d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales.
PRODUCE—Petroleum closed quiet; Refined, is. 7d. ₱ gallon.

ANTWERP, Tuesday, Dec. 15.
Petroleum is buoyant; buyers offer 50½f., but sellers ask 56f.

HAVANA, Thursday, Dec. 17.
Exchange on London, 17@17¼ premium; on Paris, short sight, 4¾ premium; on the United States, in currency, 60 days' sight, 21 discount; short sight, 19¾ discount; in gold, 60 days, 6@6½ premium; short sight, 8¾ premium.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Dec. 17.
Exchange on New-York in large supply at ¼ ₱ cent. discount buying, and par selling. FLOUR easier; Low to Choice Spring Extras, $5 25@$7 50. WHEAT generally settled and declined 1c.@2c.; sales of No. 1 at $1 24; No. 2 dull; free sellers at $1 13½; since 'Change at $1 15¾. CORN less active; new Shelled declined 1½c @ 2c., closing dull at 68c.; No. 2 Kiln-dried, 58c.@59c.; Rejected, 55c.@57c.; old No. 1 steady but quiet at 80c.; No. 2, 76c. OATS moderately active at a decline of ½c.@¾c.; sales at 45¾c.@46¾c. RYE steady and in fair demand, at $1 17 for No. 1. BARLEY quiet; No. 2 Canada, $1 51; Rejected, $1 37. WHISKY steady and quiet at 94c. cash; round lots in bond, 90c., seller January. PROVISIONS active and excited. MESS PORK advanced $1@$2; with sales at $26 cash, and $26 25@$27 for future delivery, closing easier with sales at $27. LARD advanced ¾c.@1c.; sales at 16c. for present delivery and 17c. for future delivery. BULK MEATS higher; Short Rib Middles, 12¾c.; Cumberlands, 13¼c.; Rough Sides, 12c. @ 12¼c.; Sweet Pickled Hams, 13c.@13½c.; Green Hams, 13¼c. DRESSED HOGS active at an advance of 50c.@60c.; sales at $9 15@$9 60. LIVE HOGS active and excited, at an advance of 40c.@50c.; sales at $8 40@$8 90 for Medium to Good; the receipts were light. BEEF CATTLE steady and in good demand. Cows, $35@$86. Fair to Good Steers, $5 75@$7. RECEIPTS To-day—4,000 bbls. Flour, 32,000 bushels Wheat, 60,000 bushels Corn, 43,000 bushels Oats, 3,000 bushels Rye, 3,000 bushels Barley, 28,000 Hogs. SHIPMENTS—6,000 bbls. Flour, 5,000 bushels Wheat, 3,000 bushels Corn, 4,000 bushels Oats, 2,000 bushels Rye, 2,000 bushels Barley, 4,500 Hogs.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Dec. 17.
TOBACCO—None in the market. COTTON advancing; sales at 23¾c. FLOUR steady, but unchanged. WHEAT—Prime to Choice White Fall, $1 22@$1 24. CORN firm but inactive; sales at 77c.@83c. OATS dull at 54c.@56c. BARLEY quiet; Spring, $1 37½; Fall, $2 30. RYE firm at $1 35. WHISKY firm at 94c.@96c. PORK dull at $27. Extra Heavy held at $27 50. BULK MEATS active; loose Clear Sides, 14¾c.; packed do., 14¾c.@15c.; Clear Rib, 13¾c.; shoulders, 10¾c.@11c.; 8,000 lbs. of Clear Sides, 5,000 lbs. of shoulders. LARD firm at 16¾c. HAMS, 16¾c. HOGS active at $7 75@$8 75. CATTLE quiet and unchanged at $3@$6 25. RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; Wheat, 4,500 bushels; Corn, 4,000 bushels; Hogs, 7,000 head.

NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday, Dec. 17.
COTTON stiffer; Middlings, 20¾c.; sales, 6,350 bales; receipts, 5,132 bales; exports, 1,700 bales. GOLD, 135¾. Sterling Exchange, 146¾; Commercial, 145@146; New-York Sight Exchange, ½@¾ ₱ cent. discount. FLOUR quiet and firm; Superfine, $7 75@$8 25; Double Extra, $7 25@$7 50; Treble Extra, $7 75@$8 25. CORN firm at 78c.@80c. OATS, 54c. BRAN dull at $1 60. HAY—Fair Western, $24@$25; Eastern, $28. PORK active at $26@$26 50. BACON scarce; Shoulders, 13¼c.@13¾c.; Clear Rib, 18¼c.; Clear Sides, 19¼c. LARD firm; Tierce, 17¾c.; Keg, 18¾c. SUGAR active and tending upward; Common, 9¾c.@9¾c.; Prime, 10¾c.; Yellow Clarified, 13c.@13½c. MOLASSES quiet and advanced; Common, 58c.@60c.; Prime, 64c.@65c.; Choice, 66c.@67c. WHISKY firm; Western Rectified, $1 15@$1 17½. COFFEE quiet; Fair, 14c.@14½c.; Prime, 16¼c.@17c.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Dec. 17.
COTTON steady; Middlings, 20¾c.@20c. FLOUR dull and steady; Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota Extra Family, $7 75@$8 25; Pennsylvania and Ohio do., $9@$10 50; Fancy, $11@13. WHEAT in limited demand; Red, $1 20@$2 05; Amber, $2 10@$2 15. RYE in fair demand; Western, $1 60. CORN less active and quotations barely maintained; sales 8,000 bushels New Yellow at 90c.@91; Old, $1 20; Mixed Western, $1 15; New White at 86c. OATS firm at 57c.@58c. PETROLEUM lowered; Crude, 22c.; Refined, 31½c. GROCERIES—A better feeling. PROVISIONS looking up. MESS PORK, $26 50. LARD, 17c.@17¼c. WHISKY, $1 01@$1 02.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Dec. 17.
FLOUR steady; Family, $7 50@$8. WHEAT firm at $1 80. CORN firmer and higher at 73c. RYE firmer at $1 40. OATS dull at 54c. BARLEY quiet and unchanged. COTTON firm at 23¾c. WHISKY, 93c.; $1 was asked. DRESSED HOGS active and higher; sales at $8 60@$8 75; receipts, 3,600 head. MESS PORK, $27 50. LARD, 17½c. BULK MEATS, 10½c.@13½c; 9½c.@11c.; Clear Rib Sides, 14¼c.@14¾c.; Clear Sides, 14¾c.@15c. Superfine FLOUR, $5 50@$6. WHEAT, $1 75@$1 90. CORN, 50c.@52c. OATS, 52c.@53c. RYE, $1 40. RAW WHISKY, 85c.

TOLEDO, Thursday, Dec. 17.
FLOUR quiet. WHEAT advancing; sales of Amber at $1 78; White Michigan at $1 60; No. 1 White do., $1 50. CORN steady; Old and New lower; sales of No. 1 at 86c.; New at 69c. OATS steady; Michigan No. 1, 50c. RYE unchanged. DRESSED HOGS, $9 80@$10.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Thursday, Dec. 17.
SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE steady and advanced ½c.; sales at 42c. RESIN steady at $1 60@$1 70 for Strained and No. 2. TURPENTINE unchanged. TAR, $2 62½@3. COTTON dull; Middling, 25c.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Thursday, Dec. 17.
COTTON market opened with a fair demand at 23c., but closed at 22¾c. for Middlings; Sales, 940 bales; receipts, 255 bales.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Thursday, Dec. 17.
COTTON opened firm and in good demand; closed easier; sales, 800 bales; Middlings, 22¾c.; receipts, 2,709 bales; exports, coastwise, 2,564 bales.

MOBILE, Ala., Thursday, Dec. 17.
COTTON dull; sales 600 bales; Middlings, 20c.; receipts, 529 bales; exports, 20 bales.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Dec. 17.
Stocks inactive. Pennsylvania State Fives, third issue, 101¾; Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 29; Reading Railroad, 48½; Pennsyl